Testimony to the House Environment and Transportation Committee

HB 110 — Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act **Position: Favorable**

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The Honorable Kumar P. Barve Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee House Office Building, Room 251 6 Bladen Street, Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Barve and Committee Members:

My name is David Saitzeff. I'm a lifelong Marylander who has owned an electric vehicle (EV) since 2017 and who has been following these issues for several years more. I have attended many of the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) meetings since 2015 but have paid close attention to environmental issues, alternative energy developments, and emerging technologies (not just cars) for twenty-plus years.

The most practical advice I received after purchasing my car and meeting many other EV owners in the quickly growing community, it's this mantra: "ABC. Always Be Charging." While my car can go 200 miles on a charge, it still takes time. And while charging stations are necessary, the most reliable and convenient method is charging at home. It can be done overnight and without making it an "errand." As such, this is an increasingly important capability that will be an enticement to new owners and renters. I know because I'm considering relocating within Howard County and it will be my own top criteria.

HB 110 will enable concerned, motivated citizens who are investing in these burgeoning technologies that Governor Hogan and Maryland are encouraging, to have wider choice. It will also be an enticement for new families that seek not just to settle down but to do so in a forward-thinking state that is laying groundwork for a better future.

Thank you for your time and for your consideration,

David Saitzeff