

January, 26 2021

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

RE: Support of HB 110 Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding HB 110 Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act. MBIA Supports this Act in its current version.

This bill would establish certain requirements and procedures relating to an application to the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association to install or use electric vehicle recharging equipment. MBIA supports this effort to achieve energy efficiency. The proposed grant will significantly reduce the costs that will be passed on to consumers through the requirements of new construction and we applaud the requirement that the governing body be unable to perpetually delay the installation of electric vehicle recharging stations.

With the rise in consumer interest in electric vehicles and the potential friendly environmental impacts that it represents MBIA supports the installation of new charging stations as a positive for both the environment as well as for electric vehicle consumers. We also recognize that the convenience of placing charging stations in heavily used parking areas will incentivize people to purchase electric cars and creating a positive environmentally friendly feedback loop.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or lgraf@marylandbuilders.org.

cc: House Environment and Transportation Committee