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To the members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

My name is Zelphia R Whitfield and I am here to lend my support to House Bill 111 Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act.

I am a resident of Anne Arundel County and live in Seven Oaks, a neighborhood that includes an approximately 4,000 residential units and 1,500,000 square feet (140,000 m<sup>2</sup>) of retail, commercial and office space. Seven Oaks has single family homes, town homes, apartments, and duplex homes. None of these have charging facilities for electric vehicles even though there are many plug-in electric or plug-in hybrid electric vehicles parked on the properties.

My efforts to have chargers installed as well as install a charger in my assigned parking space has been denied by my Home Owners Association (HOA). I was informed by the Board that they have not approved any community charging stations. Residents thus far have been approved for a connection at the front of their home where the cord extends through their front yard and to the sidewalk where they have a protective (no trip) cover for the cable stretched across the sidewalk to then connect to their vehicle. Since the corded mobile charger is only 18", I need an extension cord. Thieves are stealing the corded charger and leaving the extension cord in the yard.

I am counting on you to pass HB 111. The EV owners would be able to have their vehicles fully charged as they sleep. And the public and the environment will benefit from the reduction of pollution resultant from the increased use EVs as opposed to internal combustion engine powered vehicles.

Therefore, I urge you to pass HB 111 and enact into law for the benefit of all of Maryland.

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