



February 1, 2023

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Chair of the House Environment and Transportation Committee  
Delegate, Maryland General Assembly  
Taylor House Office Building, Room 251  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support for HB 7, Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program – Renewal

Dear Delegate Barve:

On behalf of the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), I am writing in support of HB 7, which extends the Electric Vehicle (EV) Recharging Equipment Rebate Program from fiscal year 2023 to 2027 and increases the total amount of rebates.

Climate change is a regional priority for COG, the association of local governments in metropolitan Washington. Electrification of the vehicle fleet is one of the highest impact strategies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions between now and 2030. Several barriers are currently preventing the accelerated adoption of EVs, including a shortfall in the necessary charging stations. The State of Maryland's Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program incentivizes greater deployment of EV charging infrastructure in metropolitan Washington. Furthermore, HB 7 aligns with COG's priorities by allowing the program to offer additional benefits for the installation of EV charging infrastructure in multifamily housing, planned urban developments, and condominiums located in environmental justice communities. As such, CEEPC, on behalf of COG, supports the extension of this program, as well as the increase in the total amount of rebates.

Please contact Jeffrey King, COG Director of Climate, Energy, and Air Programs at (202) 962-3238 or [jking@mwkog.org](mailto:jking@mwkog.org) if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Takis Karantonis' with a horizontal line underneath.

Takis Karantonis  
Chair, Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee

cc: Honorable Dana M. Stein  
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