

Testimony to the House Environment and Transportation Committee  
HB 007 Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program – Renewal  
**Position: Favorable**

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The Honorable Kumar Barve, Chair  
Room 251, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Honorable Chair Barve and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

Our family has been driving electric vehicles since 2012. Our current daily drivers are a 2013 Nissan Leaf and a 2017 Chevy Bolt. I serve on the Maryland Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Council, and I'm Vice President of the Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington DC (EVADC). I support passage of HB 0007.

This bill renews the existing electric vehicle service equipment (EVSE) (aka "EV charger") rebate with increased funding, but more importantly, it specifically allows additional benefits for charger installation in multifamily housing, planned urban developments and condominiums located in environmental justice communities. Though not explicitly stated, these would be presumably be defined by the administration.

Electric vehicles typically cost 4-5 cents per mile, while gasoline vehicles typically cost 12+ cents per mile. Thus, an electric vehicle as a first or second vehicle in a family can substantially reduce the yearly cost to drive. In order to lower the barrier of EV ownership as much as possible, and to enable EV ownership at the cost equivalent to that of single-family homeowners, incentives for charger installation which specifically include multifamily housing, new condominium construction and environmental justice communities is entirely appropriate.

I thus support HB 0007 and look forward to a favorable report.

Thank you for your time,

Scott Wilson