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SUPPORT: HB7 - Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment - Rebate Program - Renewal
Chairman Barve and Members of the Committee:

Maryland LCV supports SB7: Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment - Rebate Program - Renewal, and we thank Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo for his enduring and committed leadership on this issue.

In 2022 the Maryland General Assembly passed the most ambitious greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals in the country through the Climate Solutions Now Act. In order to confront the climate crisis and reach the emission reduction goals set forth in that legislation, Maryland must take meaningful action in the transportation sector, the single largest contributor to our state's greenhouse gas emissions. HB 7 is one of the steps towards reaching that goal.

The Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Rebate program provides funding assistance for costs incurred when acquiring and/or installing qualified electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, reducing the financial burden to consumers and incentivizing a transition away from traditional gasoline powered vehicles. This bill would extend the existing EVSE rebate program until 2027 and raise the amount that MEA can spend in its support. By increasing the amount from *no more than* \$1.8 million to *at least* \$2 million, HB7 allows the General Assembly, through the appropriations process, to provide MEA with the resources to ensure that all applicants are allowed to take advantage of the program and thereby incentivizing more Marylanders to purchase electric vehicles.

Maryland LCV strongly urges a favorable report on this important bill.