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Good afternoon Chairman Barve, Vice Chairman Stein and other Delegates of the Environment and Transportation Committee. My name is Edward Johnson of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. I live in an apartment complex in Baltimore City. Last April, I purchased a car for the first time in 20 years. I would have purchased an electric vehicle but my apartments did not have a charging station. In fact, after doing a search on Apartments.com, there were only around 25 complexes between Harford County and Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties that had EV charging stations.

If we are going to make Maryland friendly to electric vehicles, this bill is a major component of that goal. BGE does offer a 50 percent rebates to Multiply Unit Dwellings but as the Kingsgate Condominium Association in Howard County report on instating a charging station states, it cost them \$17,820 to install a single charging station, and were left with the a bill of \$8910.00 after rebates from BGE. I believe the bill should increase the amount of rebate from the state. One option is to provide up to at least 50% after other rebates are applied. The bill should also differentiate between Level 2 charging stations and DC Fast Chargers.

It is great that the amount available for rebates is left open ended and dependent on what money the Federal government will provide. MDE ran out of the \$1,800,000 available long before the end of last year. But as mentioned before only around 25 apartment complexes in Central Maryland having EV charging stations. To whom did the MDE rebates go? I have spoken to several people involved in running condominiums and apartments, they were not aware of the rebates, We need to insure MDE gets the word out.

With my submitted testimony I have included links to the items mentioned in my testimony.