

January 31, 2023

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Environment & Transportation Committee  
House Office Building, Room 251,  
6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD, 21401

**RE: HB 7 Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program – Renewal**

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **House Bill 7 Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program – Renewal**. MBIA **supports** the Act with amendments.

This bill would authorize increasing the total amount of rebates offered to individual businesses for electric vehicle recharging stations. We recognize that this is an important program in order to create an infrastructure that will be able to accommodate the charging needs of Maryland as electric vehicles become a more prominent part of everyday transportation. MBIA requests that the state allocate even more funds for these important upgrades.

The total rebates of 2 million dollars is not sufficient to cover the costs of the businesses that wish to install electric vehicle chargers. The alterations to the rebate program in the bill are undefined and do not allow for consistent planning as businesses struggle to create EV infrastructure. This problem is also magnified with the comparably greater need for EV infrastructure in new dwelling units. We advocate that specific funds be included in the bill to facilitate this kind of construction and provide stable funding for new infrastructure and that more funds be allocated to the rebate program in order to cover the accelerating need for charging stations.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee adopt the proposed amendment and give this measure a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or [lgraf@marylandbuilders.org](mailto:lgraf@marylandbuilders.org).

cc: Members of the House Environment & Transportation Committee