

**HOUSE BILL 7:  
ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT REBATE PROGRAM – RENEWAL  
ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**STATEMENT OF SUPPORT**

February 2, 2023

Marriott International, Inc. is a global lodging leader headquartered in Bethesda, Maryland. Since its founding in the 1920s as a small restaurant chain in Washington, DC, the company has grown to comprise more than 8,000 lodging properties in 129 countries and territories, including over 100 hotels and 10,000 associates here in the State of Maryland.

**Marriott supports House Bill 7, as it would extend a successful program that is accelerating the installation of electric vehicle charging stations across the state of Maryland.**

Maryland's Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Rebate (EVSE) Program has proven to be popular and effective at increasing the network of electric charging stations across the state. By extending the program and increasing the amount of funds made available, HB7 will continue to incentivize businesses and residents to invest in green infrastructure. This will not only create jobs in the short term, but also help to establish Maryland as a leader in the transition to a more sustainable transportation ecosystem.

Marriott International's portfolio of hotels has been working continuously to reduce its carbon footprint. In 2021, we set an ambitious goal to reach net-zero value chain greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The EVSE program aligns with that goal and can help expedite the progress that is being made. We recognize the importance of transitioning to more sustainable energy sources, and we believe that extending the EVSE program as proposed in HB7 will meaningfully support that transition by making electric vehicle ownership more convenient and reducing the state's dependence on fossil fuels.

Therefore, we respectfully urge the Committee for a Favorable Report on HB7.

Thank you for your consideration.

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