



**Committee:** Environment and Transportation  
**Testimony on:** HB007 - Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program – Renewal  
**Organization:** Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing  
**Submitting:** Laurie McGilvray, Co-Chair  
**Position:** Favorable with Amendments  
**Hearing Date:** February 2, 2023

Dear Mr. Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing our testimony today. The Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing, a statewide coalition of over 50 grassroots and professional organizations, urges you to vote favorably on HB007.

HB007 will extend the duration of the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program (Program), increase the amount rebate funds issued annually, and offer additional benefits for installing EV recharging equipment in multifamily housing, planned urban developments, and condominiums located in environmental justice communities.

Transportation is one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Maryland, and expanding the use of EVs is a large part of the solution. Removing barriers to EV adoption is critical, including making it easy to charge an EV. HB007 will extend and increase the rebate incentives for charging stations. In addition, it will address a particular concern, that of access to charging stations in low-income and minority communities and for residents who do not live in single-family homes. HB 007 will provide additional support for the installation of charging stations for multifamily and condominium residents living in environmental justice communities.

For these reasons, we support HB07 and urge a **FAVORABLE** report.