



Testimony on behalf of the Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce

*In Support of
House Bill 7—Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program—Renewal
February 2, 2023
House Environment and Transportation Committee*

The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce (GBCC) was founded in 1926. Since then, the organization has grown to more than 550 businesses located throughout the Greater Bethesda area and beyond. On behalf of these members, we appreciate the opportunity to provide written comments in support of House Bill 7—Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program—Renewal.

Maryland has set an ambitious goal of 300,000 zero emission vehicles on the road by 2025. In order to meet this goal, not only is it important to incentivize the purchase of these vehicles, but it is also important to make charging them easy and convenient. Maryland has had programs for several years to do just this, just a few of the things that make Maryland one of the most electric vehicle friendly states in the country. We support House Bill 7 as it extends the life of the recharging equipment rebate program. In addition, the bill also provides the Administration the ability to offer additional benefits for the installation of electric vehicle recharging equipment in multifamily housing, planned urban developments and condominiums located in environmental justice communities.

The GBCC is happy to support HB 7 as it provides a way for Marylanders to do their part in reducing greenhouse gases by purchasing and driving an all-electric vehicle. For this reason, we would respectfully request a favorable vote on House Bill 7. And we thank Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo for being such a champion on these issues.