



# Montgomery County

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HB 216

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SPONSOR: Delegate Charkoudian

ASSIGNED TO: Environment and Transportation Committee

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POSITION: Support (Department of Environmental Protection)

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### Condominiums - Common Elements - Clean Energy Equipment

This bill would reduce barriers that have made it hard for members of our community who live in condominiums to install solar panels and EV charging equipment where they live. By streamlining the approval process for these systems in alignment with the way other utility issues are handled, this legislation will save time for homeowners and volunteer association governing bodies without sacrificing due consideration. The end result will be an improved process that benefits all parties.

Solving the climate crisis requires us to shift to clean and renewable energy sources, and to convert many of our buildings and vehicles to run on that green electricity. All of us have roles to play and opportunities to benefit from this transition, and no one should be left behind.

This legislation will enable residents of 42,000 condominium units in Montgomery County alone, and thousands more throughout Maryland, to more easily shift to solar and electric vehicles in alignment with State and local climate goals.

We respectfully request that the Environment and Transportation Committee give this bill a favorable report.

cc: Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee