

HB 1496 — Building Code - Construction and Significant Renovation of Housing Units -
Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces
Position: **Favorable**

March 12, 2024

The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 1496, which establishes requirements for installing electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment during the construction or significant renovation of housing units.

With Maryland ranking among the top states for EV adoption, we must proactively meet the rising demand for charging infrastructure. House Bill 1496 offers an opportunity to future-proof our residential buildings, ensuring Marylanders have access to convenient, affordable, and reliable EV charging options.

By promoting the inclusion of EV charging infrastructure in new multifamily housing and major renovations, this bill will ease EV adoption for homeowners and support the expansion of electric transportation. Prioritizing the installation of conduit and panel space during construction will minimize costly retrofits and enable access to low-cost residential utility rates by connecting EV charging spaces directly to home meters.

I urge you to support House Bill 1496 and advance this critical step toward a sustainable future for Maryland. I respectfully request that the committee provide a favorable report on this bill.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

/s/ Lanny Hartmann

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