

Committee:	Environment and Transportation
Testimony on:	HB1496- Building Code - Construction and Significant Renovation of Housing Units – Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces
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Dear Chair Korman and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing my testimony today in support of HB1496.

The transportation sector is the largest source of climate-damaging greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Maryland and a leading source of toxic air pollution, According to Maryland’s [2020 Greenhouse Gas Inventory](#), gasoline-fueled vehicles account for 76 percent of GHG emissions from the on-road transportation sector. To attain the state’s GHG reduction requirements, Maryland needs to encourage greater market penetration of zero emission vehicles.

One factor constraining that market penetration is the lack of accessible, convenient overnight charging at one’s residence. HB1496 addresses that concern. It would increase EV charging spaces in new and significant renovations of various types of residential housing units.

For this reasons, I urge this committee to issue a FAVORABLE report on HB1496.