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Maryland House of Delegates  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Honorable Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee,

I'm writing to urge you to support HOUSE BILL 111: Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act.

I'm the owner of two plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, a 2012 Chevy Volt and 2014 Toyota Plug-in Prius. When I purchased these vehicles, I lived in a single-family dwelling unit and installed a level 2 charger to efficiently charge my vehicles. Two years ago, I moved into a multi-unit dwelling and approached the home owner's association with a request to install electric vehicle chargers and found my request to fall upon deaf ears. I met two other residents who had electric vehicles who advised me that the closest available public charging were miles away and/or charged fees that were 5 times or more compared to at-home residence charging which costs about \$0.15 per kilowatt.

Although my workplace has charging available, the number of chargers is inadequate for the number of electric vehicles. Having this inability to charge my vehicle near where I live or work has made it challenging.

With the passing of this bill, it would open up opportunities to a population of residents in the state to have the option of acquiring an electric vehicle. Excluding this population creates unfairness in our community. The data to support this Bill is evident. The benefits and moral obligations to the environment are clear and do not need to be restated.

We must have foresight into our future and support today's technology and understand that this investment leads to developing greater technology to meet the demands that lie ahead.

I strongly urge you to support HB 111.

Respectfully yours,  
Susan Wong