**HB 1316** — Residential Construction - Electric Vehicle Charging

Position: Favorable

February 25, 2020

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee House Office Building, Room 251 6 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Barve and Members of the Committee:

Electric vehicle drivers normally plug in their car each night at home. In the morning the electric car is fully charged. If you can't charge at home, you essentially can't drive a plug-in electric car.

The home charging station will replace going to the gas station as electric vehicles inevitably become more common. People who live in condominiums, apartments and other multi-unit housing will have difficulty owning an electric car unless we plan now for new construction to be "EV-Ready."

Howard County requires all new residential construction to be EV-Ready thanks to the leadership of my representative and Committee member Delegate Jen Terrasa who sponsored legislation when she was on the Howard County Council.

I understand that Chairman Barve, Vice Chair Stein, Delegates Fraser-Hidalgo and Lierman all drive electric cars. Members of this Committee certainly know that the future of transportation is electric. This legislation will help Maryland achieve that future.

I respectfully ask for a **favorable report** on HB 1316.

Sincerely,

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