

Testimony for the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

SB 474 Vehicle Laws – Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces

Position: Support

March 11, 2020

The William C. Smith,
Chair, House Judicial Proceedings Committee
Room 2, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Smith and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee,

My name is Robert Erdman and I am a resident of Montgomery County. I am writing to you in **SUPPORT** of House Bill 36 Vehicle Laws – Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces.

My wife and I are owners of a Chevy Volt, which can go as far as 50 miles electric using batteries before switching to using its gasoline engine. We have had the car for over six years now. So far, we have only had to put about 100 gallons of gas in the Volt.

There is an electric car charger near my wife's office. Sometimes another electric car is using the charger, and then my wife will just park nearby, and check later in the day. But other times, a non-electric car blocks it. It's very disappointing when the charger is blocked by a vehicle that is not plugged in. This bill would help alleviate that problem.

As a long-time resident of Maryland, I sincerely hope that the proposed bill is passed and that Maryland will continue to be one of the leaders in sustainable transportation, with the dual benefits of cleaner air and fuel that is sourced domestically. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert S. Erdman