

February 16, 2021

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

**RE: Support with Amendments- HB 784 (Residential Construction – Electric Vehicle Charging)**

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the **HB 784 Residential Construction – Electric Vehicle Charging**. MBIA Supports the Act with amendments.

This bill would require the builders of new residential housing units to provide buyers with the option for including electric vehicle charging stations. MBIA supports this measure in principle. Improving access to electric vehicle chargers is an important step in making electric vehicles more accessible and widely used which would be a positive step in combating the existential threat of climate change.

However, many of these projects have already started and are already under construction. This would require dramatic changes in planning in order to accommodate property owners that wish to include EV stations. We propose that this legislation be given a grandfather clause that would allow for the completion of projects already underway while simultaneously requiring new projects to offer property buyers the opportunity to install EV stations. We have been working with Baltimore Gas and Electric to figure out the impact this would have on Developments that are in various phases of development.

For these reasons, MBIA respectfully requests the Committee adopt the proposed amendment and give this measure a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

For more information about this position, please contact Lori Graf at 410-800-7327 or [lgraf@marylandbuilders.org](mailto:lgraf@marylandbuilders.org).

cc: Members of the House Environment & Transportation Committee