

Testimony for the House Environment and Transportation Committee

**HB 480 Vehicle Laws – Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces**

**Position: Support with an amendment**

February 2, 2021

Kumar Barve  
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee,  
Room 251, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Barve and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee,

My name is Robert Erdman and I am a resident of Montgomery County. I am writing to you in **SUPPORT** of HB 480 Vehicle Laws – Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces with an Amendment.

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 seven 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. This bill would help alleviate that problem.

A second problem is that the law won't be effective unless it has proper signage. Otherwise, law enforcement will not be able to enforce the law. To alleviate this, I encourage an amendment to require that charging station operators post the proper signage at Maryland charging stations.

As a long-time resident of Maryland, I sincerely hope that the proposed bill is passed with the requirement for signs 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