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February 9, 2021

Honorable Delegate Barve, Chair
Honorable Vice Chair Stein

Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB 784
Residential Construction - Electric Vehicle Charging
POSITION: Support
Hearing Date: February 16, 2021

Dear Chairman Barve, Vice Chair Stein, and committee members:

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Action Committee (“MD-LAC”) of the Community Associations Institute (“CAI”). CAI represents individuals and professionals who reside in or work with community associations (condominiums, homeowners’ associations, and cooperatives) throughout the State of Maryland.

We support HB 784 which requires builders and developers of single family homes and townhomes to include the infrastructure of a minimum 1 level 2 recharging to support electric vehicles. Recently passed laws in multiple states have wrestled with the issue of recharging stations in existing community associations. While this bill does not address infrastructure

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requirements for multifamily dwellings (i.e. condominiums) , it does represent real progress in providing the homeowner with the capability to purchase an electric vehicle without excessive additional cost to install recharging infrastructure.

We urge the committee to issue a favorable report on this bill.

We are available to answer any questions the Committee Members may have. Please feel free to contact Lisa Harris Jones, lobbyist for the MD-LAC, at 410-366-1500, or by e-mail at lisa.jones@mdlobbyist.com, or Steven Randol, Chair of the MD-LAC, 410-279-8054, or by e-mail at randol@pineorchard.com.

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