

Dear Ladies and Gentleman of the Committee:

Thank you for considering House Bill 110 (Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act). I **SUPPORT** this bill so multifamily unit dwellers of more income classes have the opportunity to purchase and charge electric vehicles where they live.

In my 10 years as an EV educator and advocate, one of the most difficult questions or concerns to answer is that of the residents of Multifamily Unit Dwellings. There are all kinds of discouraging stories about the arduous and burdensome task of convincing HOA and building management that installing charging access is important. In the past two plus years, this issue has come up at every EV education event I have been involved in, from monthly meetings of the Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington DC to GreenFest events in the Spring to regional events associated with National Drive Electric Week in September.

Frankly speaking, if I was a MUD resident, I doubt I would be driving electric today. In fact, I recently joined my newly college graduated son on an apartment hunting trip around the Greenbelt area. One important item on his list was access to charging at his apartment for his Chevy Volt Plug-in Hybrid. You see, while at college, because he was able to charge regularly at home, he never had to use GHG producing fossil fuel gasoline for all his local driving, not to mention, he saved a great deal on fuel costs since powering one's transportation with electricity is 4 to 10 times less expensive than using gasoline. Given the climate crisis, access to EV charging is a completely reasonable expectation of the younger 20-something generation.

In short, there is no doubt in my mind that HB 110 will have a positive effect on the ability for MUD residents to confidently make the move to EVs and advance Maryland's climate goals.

This Bill will also help the State of Maryland try to reach its goal of putting 300,000 Zero Emission Vehicles on the road by 2025 because it will expand the ownership of electric vehicles to people who live in multifamily unit dwellings, many of whom decide not to purchase EVs because of the lack of charging infrastructure in their complexes.

Sincerely,

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