

Testimony to the House Environment and Transportation Committee
HB 480 – Vehicle Laws – Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces

Position: Favorable

February 1, 2021

The Honorable Kumar Barve, Chair
Room 251, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Honorable Chair Barve and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

I drive a 2015 Nissan Leaf which I have owned since 2014. It currently has been averaging about 80 miles of range if fully charged. That frequently puts me in a position to require public charging to make a full round trip to many destinations within the state. Far too frequently my trips have been considerably delayed and appointments missed because some inconsiderate person has blocked access to the necessary charger.

I am committed to the idea that EV's are necessary part of Maryland's sustainable transportation future but access to charging should be easier and inconveniences reduced for the EV drivers who have made that commitment. This bill takes us a good way toward that end. Please issue a favorable report on HB 480.

Thank you for your consideration,



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