

February 4, 2021

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

**RE: Support of HB 480 (Vehicle Laws – Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces)**

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 1,100 member firms statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding HB 480 Vehicle Laws – Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces. MBIA supports the Act in its current version.

This bill would impose fines on the parking of non-electric vehicles or loitering in electric vehicle parking spaces. MBIA supports this bill. Installation of electric vehicle infrastructure is expensive and it is important that it be utilized as efficiently as possible so as not to inflate estimates of the needed infrastructure changes. This bill will require that the spots be made available to the drivers that need them will result in a much more efficient allocation of economic and energy resources. This bill clarifies usage of these types of parking spots. Our organization specifically supports Section F which codifies that the charging spaces shall be counted as part of the overall number of parking spaces in a parking lot for the purpose of complying with zoning and parking laws.

MBIA respectfully requests the Committee give this measure an 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: House Environment & Transportation Committee