



GLEN ECHO HEIGHTS MOBILIZATION

Committee: Environmental and Transportation
Testimony on: HB782 and HB 507 – Bills Re Electric Vehicle Charging
Organization: Glen Echo Heights Mobilization
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Position: Favorable
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Glen Echo Heights Mobilization – a community organization in Montgomery County Maryland with 50 members or more -- submits testimony in support of HB782 and HB 507, bills that would promote the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by ensuring that electric vehicle charging stations are used to sustain electric vehicles only and are used equitably.

The Acts would prohibit non-electric vehicles from using EV parking and require state officials to use environmental justice and ADA guidelines when selecting communities for and placement of the development of electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

- **We support this legislation for the following reasons:**
- In August 2021, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change declared a “code red for humanity” due to rapidly worsening climate change. Its report declared that the planet has delayed curbing their fossil-fuel emissions for so long that the sort of impacts that the planet is experiencing from extreme storms, fires and floods, and heatwaves will continue. Nonetheless, there is a short window for preventing the most harrowing future.
- Studies show that the impacts of greenhouse gas emissions extend from the individual air pollutant impact on the body, to potential destruction of the human ability to live on the planet.
- **This bill would acknowledge science and equity.**

Conclusion. This bill ensures Maryland’s commitments toward environmental sustainability. We urge a favorable report by this Committee.