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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT WITH AMMENDMENT HB 835 Retail Service Stations-New Construction-Setbacks & Electric Charging Stations February 24, 2022

TO: Hon. C.T. Wilson, Chair, Brian Crosby, Vice Chair, and members of the Economic Matters Committee
FROM: Tom Clark, Political Director, IBEW Local 26

Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair and members of the committee, I encourage you to **vote favorable** on this bill, along with my suggested amendment regarding using trained installers. Of all the clean energy bills before you this session, HB 835 is one of the few that promotes clean energy use in a practical manner.

This forward-thinking bill gives Marylanders not only an option to use cleaner energy sources, but with the increased number of chargers available, it will encourage consumers to buy electric vehicles. Finally, an energy bill that puts “the horse before the cart.” I commend the sponsors for tackling the utilization concerns of clean energy, the needs of the everyday person and their quest for a better environment. As we begin installing electric vehicle chargers throughout the state and especially at flammable places like service stations, I highly suggest the use of certified, trained, installers. Therefore, I would like to offer the following amendment to this piece of legislation:

INSTALLATION OF ELECTRICAL VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS MUST BE PERFORMED BY CERTIFIED ELECTRICAL VEHICLE INSTALLATION TRAINING PROGRAM (EVITP) INSTALLERS

EVITP or Electric Vehicle Installation Training Program is the accepted certification of manufacturers, the automotive industry and end users throughout the country. Installers must pass a certification exam for proof of knowledge and skill. As we are relatively at the beginning of the electric vehicle charging world, lets set some minimal standards, for the good of the state.

I ask the Committee to consider this **amendment**, and I encourage you to **vote favorably on HB 835**. A bill that supports the environment as well as the responsible electric car owner in Maryland. Thank you.

