



## **HB835 Retail Service Stations - New Construction - Setbacks & EV Charging**

**Testimony before  
House Economic Matters Committee  
February 24, 2022  
Position: Favorable**

Mister Chair, Mr. Vice Chair, and members of the Committee, my name is Peter Alexander and I represent the 750+ members of Indivisible Howard County. I am writing in support of HB835.

HB835 imposes a straight forward requirement on the construction of new large service stations that will mitigate the effect of unhealthy fumes emanating from these stations and will improve EV (Electric Vehicle) Infrastructure in Maryland.

**EV Charging:** The bill requires each new large service station to also provide at least one level 2(or greater) charging station for each gas pump installed.

**Setback Requirement to Mitigate Health Impacts:** The polluting fumes emitted from gas stations have significant public health impacts for the communities near them. HB835 therefore requires all new large gas stations to be set back at least 1000 feet from schools, day care centers, parks, playgrounds, churches, hospitals, outdoor recreation areas, residential property, and other gas stations. It also requires all new gas stations to install at least one level 2 EV charging station for each gas pump.

**We respectfully urge a favorable committee report.**

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