

January 25, 2022

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

RE: Support HB 157 Vehicle Laws – Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Maryland Building Industry Association, representing 100,000 employees statewide, appreciates the opportunity to participate in the discussion surrounding **HB 157 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. Our organization specifically supports Section E 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 a 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.

cc: House Environment & Transportation Committee