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TESTIMONY TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMITTEE

HB1146 Residential Construction – Electric Vehicle Charging

POSITION: Favorable

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I am a resident of Howard County which, for its strong commitment to climate action, has been named a “Maryland Smart Energy Community” by the Maryland Energy Administration. Since I think that governments alone cannot solve this problem, I would like to reduce my personal contribution to global warming by switching to an electric-powered vehicle (EV).

However, I live in a lovely end-of-group townhouse with no garage or driveway, about 200 feet from my assigned parking space. Much as I would like to switch to an electric vehicle, it is not possible to run a line across the HOA-owned sidewalk to access my parking space. I appreciate that public entities are starting to install EV charging stations and I look forward to using them, but it does not replace overnight charging.

When I downsize, one of my requirements will be that there be an EV charging station or the possibility of installing one within walking distance; this bill will help ensure that such housing will soon be available in Maryland. It seems to me that the current code unintentionally overlooked my particular situation, and that this bill simply corrects that omission.

I request a favorable report on HB1146 *Residential Construction – Electric Vehicle Charging*.