



HB1146 – Residential Construction - Electric Vehicle Charging

Testimony before House Environment and Transportation Committee

March 1, 2022

Position: Favorable

Dear Environment and Transportation Committee Members,

My name is Ruth Auerbach, and I represent the 750+ members of Indivisible Howard County. We are providing written testimony today to **support HB1146**, to require certain new residential buildings to provide electrical vehicle charging in communal off-street parking. Indivisible Howard County is an active member of the Maryland Legislative Coalition (with 30,000+ members). We are grateful for the leadership of Delegate Terrasa for sponsoring this bill.

We enthusiastically support the requirement that certain new townhouses and multifamily residential buildings provide electric vehicle charging in communal off-street parking. I currently live in an older townhome community without an assigned parking space or a garage. I would like my next car to be an electric vehicle, but I have no way to charge it at my home. The only option would be to string a power cord across the sidewalk in front of my home, which is not safe. Since we need people to transition to electric vehicles to fight climate change, we must remove this impediment to charging electric vehicles for as many people as possible. Starting with new residential construction is a good first step.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

We respectfully urge a favorable report on this bill.

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