HB1146 FAVORABLE

The Honorable Kumar Barve, Chair Environment and Transportation Committee Room 251, House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

As introduced, HB1146 would require the construction of certain new townhouses and multifamily residential buildings to include on a certain number of communal off-street parking spaces an electric vehicle charging station capable of at least Level 2 charging; and generally relating to electric vehicle charging stations on new residential construction

Future proofing new residences for EVSEs is a prudent action to take today. Maryland has currently almost 42,000 electric vehicles registered. The MD Green House Gas Reduction Plan includes 300,000 electric vehicles by 2025. This will result in significant CO2 tailpipe reductions in the light duty car fleet. Forty percent of CO2 emissions in Maryland come from the transportation sector.

Electric vehicle owners want convenience in charging their cars. Ninety percent of electric vehicle owners expect to charge at home. This bill will aid in consumers building out the EVSE infrastructure in Maryland and encourage car drivers to replace their internal combustion engine cars..

I ask that your committee report out this bill favorably.

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