

**HB1146 - Environment - Residential Construction - Electric Vehicle Charging**

**Date: March 1st, 2022**

**Committee: Environment and Transportation**

**Position: Favorable**

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On behalf of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network Action Fund, I urge a favorable report from the committee on **HB1146 - Residential Construction - Electric Vehicle Charging Act**. As we move towards a greener future, Maryland's electricity infrastructure will need to be updated to accommodate increased electric vehicle use.

The CCAN Action Fund is the advocacy arm of Chesapeake Climate Action Network, a grassroots organization dedicated exclusively to fighting for bold and just solutions to climate change in the Chesapeake region of Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC. We believe that the state government has a crucial role to play in mitigating climate change and should lead by example in all efforts to decrease greenhouse gas emissions. This is particularly important for our electricity infrastructure and our ability to adapt to a world that will be phasing out fossil fuel use. HB1146 updates Maryland's residential requirements for electric vehicle charging ports and ensures that our infrastructure can handle their increased use.

HB1146 requires certain new townhouses and single family residential houses that do not have at least one garage, carport, or driveway for each housing unit to :

- include on a certain number of communal off-street parking spaces an electric vehicle charging station capable of at least Level 2 charging.

We believe that this bill is an important step in the path to meeting Maryland's net zero emissions goals while also ensuring that Maryland's electrical infrastructure can handle the increased future use of electric vehicles for personal and residential use. Thank you for your consideration of HB1146. For all the reasons stated above, we urge a favorable vote from the committee.

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