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Maryland General Assembly  
Members of the Economic Matters Committee  
Annapolis, MD

RE: HB 834 – Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure – Requirements (Electric Vehicle Charging Reliability Act)

Dear Delegates,

We oppose HB 834 and respectfully request that you vote against it.

This bill taps a large volume of resources from many departments whose sole focus is energy reduction, further perpetuating the climate change agenda of the WEF.

We oppose this bill for the above reason but also question the “savings” that the bill will provide, given the fund expenditures that will be spent to meet the bill’s requirements. \$39.8 million in FY 2024, increasing to \$214.2 million by FY 2028 is a lot of money to save 0.53% in 2024, 0.72% in 2025, and 1.0% in 2026 energy costs. We find it difficult to believe that the difference in savings will outweigh the cost of the program.

It is also an overreach of government interference to install infrastructure in areas where the use of gas-powered, let alone electric vehicles, is minimal due to income brackets as outlined in this nationwide chart: <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1041177/us-car-owners-by-income-group/>.

Please vote against it.

Sincerely,

Christine Hunt and Jay Crouthers