

SB 477 — Residential Construction or Significant Renovation - Electric Vehicle Charging
Position: **Favorable**

February 14, 2023

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Feldman and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 477, which aims to establish requirements related to the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging equipment during the construction or significant renovation of housing units.

As the use of EVs becomes increasingly popular, it is crucial that we take steps to ensure that these vehicles have access to convenient and reliable charging options. This bill will not only make it easier for homeowners to adopt EVs, but it will also promote the growth of clean transportation and help reduce our dependence on fossil fuels.

To help facilitate this transition, it is imperative that new home construction be built to be "EV-Ready" with wiring to the garage or parking space. Installing the wiring for electric vehicle charging during construction will make it easier for homeowners to adopt EVs and help Maryland reach its goal of 300,000 Zero Emission Vehicles on the road by 2030.

Additionally, the bill provides clarity on the role of counties and municipalities in requiring a certain number of EV-Ready parking spaces. This will ensure that local governments have the flexibility they need to respond to the specific needs of their communities.

Finally, I would like to commend the sponsor of this bill, Senator Feldman, for his foresight and leadership in promoting clean transportation and addressing the challenges associated with the growth of EVs.

I strongly urge you to **support** Senate Bill 477 and help advance this important initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lanny Hartmann". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Lanny Hartmann
Columbia, Maryland