



## Maryland Municipal League

*The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns*

# TESTIMONY

February 23, 2023

**Committee:** Environment & Transportation

**Bill:** HB 550 – Maryland Energy Administration – Energy Programs – Modifications  
(Clean Transportation and Energy Act)

**Position:** Support

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League supports HB 550, which extends the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Program (EVREP) from 2023 to 2026. The EVREP is an important component of Maryland's efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet the state's climate goals. By increasing the availability of charging stations, the program encourages more drivers to switch to EVs and helps to reduce dependence on fossil fuels. The program also supports the development of a more robust EV charging infrastructure in Maryland, which can help to create jobs and stimulate economic growth in the state.

This measure retains local governments are eligible rebate applicants and removes the annual cap of \$1.8 million. This expands opportunities for political subdivisions to access these funds and expand electric vehicle recharging equipment in our communities.

We appreciate the opportunity to demonstrate our commitment to addressing climate change and reducing the negative impacts it can have on our communities. For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 550 with a favorable report.

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