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BILL NO.: **HB 1028**

TITLE: Business Regulation – Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment –
Regulations for Retail Use

SPONSOR: Delegate Allen

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: March 6, 2024

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** HB 1028 – Business Regulation – Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment – Regulations for Retail Use.

This legislation will require the Comptroller to adopt regulations for the retail use of electric vehicle supply equipment in the State. The regulations will establish different payment options for the retail use of EV supply equipment including options for customers with disabilities. HB 1028 will prohibit an EV service provider from requiring a subscription or membership fees to initiate a charging session. Furthermore, the legislation would establish requirements for information sharing including charging rates, locations, accessibility, and real-time availability, among other accessibility and consumer-friendly reforms.

Baltimore County has found a lack of clarity and consistency between jurisdictions regarding ADA/disability access to EVSE and supports the requirement of options for those in need of ADA standards who are also EV drivers. This legislation has several key elements to enhance and facilitate access to EVSE for consumers while requiring comprehensive information to be reported by service providers. Charging the growing number of EVs in use requires a robust network for stations for both consumers and fleets, and industry standards and certifications to ensure high quality infrastructure will serve Baltimore County well in its goal to support EV adoption.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 1028 from the House Ways and Means Committee. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.