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The Honorable Brian Feldman  
Maryland Senate Education, Energy and the Environment Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 695 (Feldman) Building Codes: SUPPORT

Dear Chairman Feldman:

Thank you for the opportunity to express Honda's strong support for SB 695, which would revise the state building codes to ensure that newly built housing units, and those undergoing significant and relevant renovations are able to support the installation of level two electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Like many automakers Honda is rapidly working to electrify our automotive fleet. We have an ambitious goal to have 100% EV sales globally by 2040, but reaching this goal will require public support, and we greatly appreciate your leadership on this issue.

The U.S. Department of Energy recently released a study showing that over 80% of EV charging happens at home. This means that if Maryland is going to achieve its goal of having all new passenger cars and trucks sold in the state be zero-emission vehicles by 2035, consumers will need access to charging infrastructure in their homes that is safe, fast and cost effective. This bill makes sense because it is significantly cheaper and easier to make both single family homes and multi-unit dwellings EV ready while they are being built or already undergoing renovations. In the coming years, as EV adoption grows, this legislation will save countless Marylanders from having to undergo potentially expensive and intrusive work to make their homes EV ready while potentially significantly increasing the values of those properties.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our position. Honda is proud of our relationship with Maryland, which is home to over 200 authorized Honda and Acura dealerships that employ more than 3,100 people, providing Maryland consumers with a wide range of products that utilize the latest environmental and safety technologies. For more information on Honda's presence in the United States or our safety leadership, please visit [www.hondainamerica.com](http://www.hondainamerica.com) or follow us on "X" formerly known as Twitter at @HondainAmerica.

Sincerely,

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