



TESTIMONY FOR HB1010

Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Governing Documents - Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Terrasa

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB1010 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Maryland has affirmed its commitment to reducing greenhouse gases by passing legislation to set aggressive greenhouse gas reduction targets and encouraging the conversion from fossil fuels to electric and other green technologies. One way to help Maryland residents jump on board with the conversion to electric technologies is to install electric vehicle charging stations everywhere. This is infrastructure that we need. Just as we invested in gas stations in the past, we have to invest in electric vehicle charging stations now.

However, some Condominium Associations and Homeowner Associations have provisions in their bylaws or rules that preclude the installation of electric vehicle charging stations. This bill, if enacted, would make those provisions void and unenforceable. The Association may grant a three-year renewable license for any common element necessary for the installation of electricity for any electric vehicle charging station.

This just makes sense. The provisions in most Condominium or HOA Association bylaws pre-date the requirement for expansion of electric vehicle charging stations. We should not allow this old language to stand in the way of progress.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.