

Testimony for the Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee

SB 913 Department of Agriculture – Public Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment – Registration, Regulation, and Oversight

Position: **Favorable**

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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman  
Chair, Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee  
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Honorable Chairman Feldman and members of the Senate Education, Energy, and Environment Committee:

My name is Robert Erdman, and I am a resident of Montgomery County. I'm also the Treasurer of the Electric Vehicle Association of greater Washington DC (EVADC).

One of the most frustrating experiences for an electric vehicle driver is arriving at a charging station only to find that the equipment is malfunctioning. In some cases, this can leave drivers stranded, sometimes requiring a tow to the nearest operational charger—an outcome no EV owner wants to face.

Building trust in the charging infrastructure is essential to accelerating electric vehicle adoption. When drivers encounter unreliable chargers, they share their frustrations with friends and on social media, discouraging others from making the transition to EVs. This is especially concerning when charging stations are funded by ratepayers, as Marylanders deserve dependable infrastructure that meets their needs.

This bill takes a necessary step toward improving reliability by mandating stronger reporting practices. These measures will enhance transparency, accountability, and ultimately, the functionality of publicly funded charging networks.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to issue a favorable report on SB 913.

Sincerely,

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