## Testimony to the House Environment and Transportation Committee HB 673 Condominiums and Homeowners Associations - Governing Documents - Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment **Position: Favorable**

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The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair Room 251, House Office Building Annapolis, MD 21401

Honorable Chair Korman and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

As more Maryland families discover the enormous advantages of owning an EV, we are encountering the issue of drivers wanting to install charging at their townhomes or condos, under an HOA. These drivers want nothing more than to harness the "EV Opportunity", meaning they want to drive inexpensively, help the environment and increase energy security, <u>the same way single family homeowners already do</u>. HB 673 gives them the mechanism to accomplish that goal and to "cut the nozzle". Home charging under an HOA is a matter of economic justice, as well.

Under current law, HOA drivers can install charging in an assigned space. This law creates a mechanism for them to install charging in common use or limited common use areas, using a balanced approach that allows for HOA input, by means of licensing use of common elements, without fighting unreasonable restrictions.

Let's not throw up our hands and find ways to do nothing. Let's instead use common sense and spread the EV Opportunity to as many Maryland families as possible, living both in single family homes and in townhomes and condos.

Thank you for your time,

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