

## CB76 – an act to require infrastructure for and charging stations for electric vehicles in certain new residential structures

I am testifying on behalf of the Howard County Citizens Association we voted to support this Bill.

Tonight I have just come from Ned Tillman's "The Big Melt" book release event in Clarksville. I have read "The Big Melt" it about the tipping point! Well as the UN Climate Report says we have passed the tipping point and we need to do everything we can to slow global warming.

This bill is a step forward. People who live in townhouses and apartments should have the same opportunity to charge their electric vehicles as people in single family homes.

This bill will allow many more people to consider buying an electric vehicle. Now that electric vehicles are more affordable and can travel 200 to 300 miles between charges it's time to make it easier for everybody. I have owned an electric vehicle for a year and it's been an amazing experience, these vehicles are the future. With gas costing over \$3 a gallon and the maintenance costs half that of an internal combustion engine they pay for themselves! Everyone should have an opportunity to benefit from this.

This bill is especially important for downtown Columbia where many more apartments are going to be built. We should be planning for when the majority of vehicles are electric. Thank you, please support this bill.

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