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Mayor Bernard C. "Jack" Young 100 Holliday Street, Suite 400 Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Dear Mayor Young,

Thank you for your leadership through these unprecedented times and your intentional efforts to advance your jurisdictions and communities with vital and desired services.

I am writing to you for two purposes: one, to inform you about Maryland's efforts to proactively implement smarter and cleaner transportation technology for our residents and visitors, and two, to encourage you to take part in a Maryland Public Service Commission (Commission) - approved electric vehicle infrastructure program.

In January 2019, Commission Order 88997 authorized several of the Maryland electric utilities to implement innovative electric vehicle charging programs. For example, Baltimore Gas and Electric Company, which serves your jurisdiction, launched its EVsmart program in July 2019 to install 500 utility-owned and operated electric vehicle charging stations throughout its service territory, for public use on government property. BGE will install the charging stations at no cost to the government site host and will continue to maintain the chargers to ensure they are reliable and operational.

This is an important program to promote and grow electric vehicle adoption in the state to help Maryland reach its goal to have 300,000 electric vehicles on the road by 2025. Customers need to see charging stations in their communities to feel comfortable making the transition to an electric vehicle. And this program helps to minimize the cost of developing a robust charging network for local and state government. The benefit of increased electric vehicle adoption impacts all Marylanders with improved air quality due to reduced greenhouse gas emissions and lowers the cost for traditional fossil fuels through market competition.

Several counties have already partnered with BGE to install numerous charging station locations, including Carroll County and Howard County. If you would like to hear more about their experience with BGE's EVsmart program, please reach out to Carroll County Commission President Stephen Wantz (<u>SWantz@carrollcc.edu</u>, 410-386-2043) or Howard County Executive Calvin Ball (<u>CalvinBall@howardcountymd.gov</u>, 410-313-2013) or Howard County Chief of

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Staff Sameer Sidh (<u>ssidh@howardcountymd.gov</u>, 410-313-0809). We invite you to work with BGE to identify locations where electric vehicle chargers could be installed.

If you are interested in additional information about the EVsmart program and how your jurisdiction can participate in this program, please contact Kristy Fleischmann Groncki, Manager of BGE Strategic Programs (Kristy.Fleischmann@bge.com, 410-470-1634). In addition, if you have any questions for the Commission about this program, please do not hesitate to contact me or my advisor, Joey Chen (Joey.Chen@maryland.gov, 410-767-8057).

Sincerely,

Jason M. Stanek

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cc: Council President Brandon Scott

Housing and Urban Affairs Committee Chairman John Bullock