October 24, 2025

Kevin Atticks, Secretary
Maryland Department of Agriculture
50 Harry S. Truman Parkway
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Subject: Petition for Repeal of EVSE Fee under COMAR 15.03.08.05Q – Pursuant to State Government Article §10-123

Dear Secretary Atticks,

I, Lanny Hartmann, a Maryland resident and frequent user of public EV chargers, hereby petition the Maryland Department of Agriculture under State Government Article §10-123 to repeal COMAR 15.03.08.05Q ('Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment — $150 per port'). In the alternative, amend it to $0 pending full economic impact review.

Repeal is warranted: the $150 fee is arbitrary and was adopted without meaningful stakeholder input. The July 25, 2025, Maryland Register (Vol. 52, Issue 15) incorrectly claimed "The proposed action has no economic impact," ignoring pass-through costs to drivers and station closures when operators remove equipment rather than comply with the new fees, reporting, and inspection burdens.

The Department did not properly notify the public of proposed changes to the regulation. The COMAR 15.03.08.05 link posted on the MDA Notices of Public Comment page (archived: https://archive.is/S1eBt) incorrectly went to a completely unrelated document about urban agriculture grant regs. This error precluded the public from getting proper notice.

Pursuant to SG §10-123(b), I expect a written response within 60 days either denying this petition with stated reasons or initiating repeal procedures.

Sincerely,

Lanny Hartmann

cc:
Alison L. Wilkinson, Chief, Weights and Measures
Rachael Jones, Director, Legislation & Government Relations