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**Re: Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Legislation Support**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) has reviewed legislation related to electric vehicles (EVs) introduced in the 2023 Legislative Session. ZEEVIC was established via legislation in 2011 and expanded in 2019 with a mission to evaluate zero emission vehicle (ZEV) ownership and charging station incentives; develop recommendations for a statewide infrastructure plan; and propose policies to promote the successful integration of EVs into Maryland's communities and transportation system. ZEEVIC's responsibilities are directly related to helping Maryland meet its greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals.

ZEEVIC supports the goals of the following bills, which are generally consistent with ZEEVIC's mission and priorities:

- [HB0007](#): Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program – Renewal  
Provides a meaningful monetary incentive to individuals and various entities to install EV recharging equipment. The bill increases funding and will boost incentive access and EV adoption.
- [HB0101/SB0593](#): Condominiums – Common Elements – Clean Energy Equipment  
Addresses some of the unique access barriers to EV adoption faced by residents of condominiums within the State. This bill authorizes certain condominium governing bodies to grant the installation and use of leased clean energy equipment, including EV chargers, on common elements.
- [HB0312](#): Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program - Not Subject to Inspection – Fee  
Helps fund EV infrastructure development and EV sales rebates by establishing a \$14 fee collected once every two years from vehicles that exempt from inspections, which includes Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs).
- [HB0550/SB0548](#): Maryland Energy Administration (MEA)– Energy Programs – Modifications (Clean Transportation and Energy Act)  
Improves the State's rebate program for installing EV recharging equipment. The bill also clarifies certain aspects of the Medium/Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Grant Program, including prioritization of grants to benefit low-income or environmental justice communities.
- [HB0830/SB0477](#): Residential Construction or Significant Renovation – Electric Vehicle Charging  
Supports EV readiness in homes by requiring builders to install charging equipment for EVs during new construction or significant renovation. This bill also addresses EV readiness in multi-unit residential communities by requiring at least one EV charger per 25 spaces.

- [HB0889](#): Retail Service Stations - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and Property Tax Credit for Service Station Conversions  
Expands EV charging infrastructure at gas stations, by requiring that new gas stations be constructed with the same number of EV fast chargers as gas pumps.

ZEEVIC encourages policymakers to consider cross-cutting issues that will have an impact on the outcome of any of these bills, including sustainability of incentive funding, availability of vehicle models, and feasibility of implementation and compliance.

Additional information about ZEEVIC's legislative mandated mission and goals are available in the attached flyer. ZEEVIC's Legislative Working Group welcomes the opportunity to review these bills and we look forward to reviewing future legislative efforts regarding EVs and infrastructure. ZEEVIC member organizations may reach out separately about any specific concerns or bill nuances.

Respectfully,

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Attachment