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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 bill, which is generally consistent with ZEEVIC's mission and priorities:

- HB0230/SB0224 (Amended): Department of the Environment - Zero-Emission Medium - and Heavy-Duty Vehicles - Regulations (Clean Trucks Act of 2023)
Advances deployment of medium- and heavy-duty ZEVs in Maryland. By requiring a needs assessment and deployment plan, the bill addresses concerns with emerging clean truck infrastructure, and allows agencies to adjust goals while the market develops and innovations emerge.

ZEEVIC encourages policymakers to consider cross-cutting issues that will have an impact on the outcome of this bill, 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