



February 13, 2025

House Economic Matters Committee
House Environment and Transportation Committee
Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Senate Finance Committee

Re: Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) Statements of Position

Dear Chair Wilson, Chair Korman, Chair Feldman, Chair Beidle and Committee Members:

Maryland's Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) has reviewed the 2025 legislation below and respectfully offers the following statements of position.

About ZEEVIC

The Maryland General Assembly established ZEEVIC (originally the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council, or EVIC) via legislation in 2011 and expanded it in 2019 and 2024. ZEEVIC's mission is 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 and support its transition to a clean transportation economy.

ZEEVIC is an independent council and each statement of position below represents a consensus viewpoint of ZEEVIC's diverse stakeholder membership. They do not represent the positions of the Moore-Miller Administration, state agencies or other individual ZEEVIC members.

ZEEVIC **supports** the following bills:

- [HB 0216](#): **Electric Vehicles – Repeal of Excise Tax Credit and Establishment of Rebate Program**. This bill effectively converts Maryland's ZEV excise tax credit program into a rebate program for the dealer to administer at the point of sale, for vehicles purchased and titled between July 1, 2026 and June 30, 2027.

Comment: By converting Maryland's ZEV tax credit into a rebate, this bill will enable ZEV buyers to immediately benefit from the incentive at the time of purchase, rather than paying or financing the full purchase price up front and waiting until filing taxes the following year to receive the incentive.

- [HB 0128](#) / [SB 0149](#): **Responding to Emergency Needs from Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act of 2025**. This bill establishes a Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment

Program within MDE to secure payments from certain fossil fuel-related businesses, and establishes a Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund for those revenues to be used for climate change mitigation. Some of the eligible uses for this Fund directly support ZEVs and ZEV infrastructure and include MEA's EV charging rebate program, MEA's Medium- and Heavy-Duty ZEV Grant Program, and MDE's Zero-Emission School Bus grants.

Comment: By establishing a new and ongoing funding stream which can be used for ZEV infrastructure and related programs, this bill will help ensure continued funding for such initiatives which are critical for Maryland to achieve its zero emission goals and commitments. Some of these programs, like MEA's EV charging rebate program, have been underfunded and oversubscribed in prior years, so this bill should improve the availability and continuity of these incentives.

- [HB 0673](#): **Condominiums and HOAs – Governing Documents – EV Recharging Equipment.** This bill prohibits condominium or HOA bylaws from unreasonably preventing installation of chargers in common areas for shared use by residents; authorizes the governing body to grant a license for up to three years for installation and operation of charging equipment; and requires the governing body to follow the standard budget process and consider the availability of sufficient parking for the community.

Comment: Chargers installed in community parking spaces for shared resident use help expand access to charging and enable more people to drive electric, particularly at properties where it is not as feasible for individual households to install their own dedicated chargers.

Additional information about ZEEVIC's membership, mission, and goals are available in the attached handout.

Thank you for your consideration of ZEEVIC's statements of position. If you have questions or if I can provide further information, please feel free to email zeevic@mdot.maryland.gov.

Respectfully,



Josh Cohen
Chair, Legislative Working Group
ZEEVIC

Attachment



MARYLAND ZERO EMISSION

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council

Who created ZEEVIC?

The Maryland Legislature created the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (EVIC) in 2011 to address and remove barriers related to electric vehicle (EV) adoption in Maryland. In 2019, the membership, responsibilities, and reporting requirements of EVIC were expanded to include zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) and fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs). To reflect the expanded responsibilities of the Council, EVIC was renamed the **Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC)**. In 2020, the membership of ZEEVIC was expanded further and the Council’s sunset date was extended to 2026. The membership of the Council was again altered in 2021 and 2024.

What does ZEEVIC do?

ZEEVIC is charged with supporting the development of:



Policies, recommendations, and incentives that increase awareness of ZEVs, support the ownership of ZEVs, and promote investment by the private sector in ZEVs.



Recommendations for a statewide EV charging and hydrogen refueling infrastructure plan.



Other potential policies to promote and facilitate the successful integration of ZEVs into Maryland’s transportation network.

ZEEVIC’s responsibilities support Maryland’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reductions goals outlined in the Climate Solutions Now Act (CSNA). The CSNA sets a goal of 60% GHG emissions reductions by 2031 and net-zero by 2045. Transportation is the single largest GHG emissions generator in Maryland, representing over one-third of total GHG emissions. As a result, ZEVs play an integral role in helping Maryland meet the CSNA emissions reduction goal.

Who is part of ZEEVIC?

See page two for the ZEEVIC membership list.

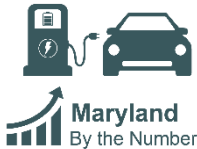
Where can I learn more?



MDOT.Maryland.gov/ZEEVIC



MarylandEV.org



MDOT.Maryland.gov/EV

ZEEVIC Membership

Member Name and Affiliation

ZEEVIC Membership Seat

Deron Lovaas , Chief of Environment and Sustainable Transportation	Maryland Department of Transportation (Council Chair)
Hyeon-Shic Shin, PhD. , Morgan State University	Member from a Maryland institution of higher education
Weston Young , Worcester County	Maryland Association of Counties - rural region
Jolene Ivey , Prince George's County Council District 5	Maryland Association of Counties - urban or suburban region
Nina Forsythe , City of Frostburg	Maryland Municipal League - rural region
David Edmondson , City of Frederick	Maryland Municipal League - urban or suburban region
Scott Wilson , Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington D.C.	EV Driver Advocacy Organization
Amanda Janaskie , BGE	Electric Companies
Vincent Wynne , PEPCO	
<i>Vacant</i>	Light-Duty Electric Vehicle Manufacturer
Kelly Bobek , Volvo Group North America	Heavy-Duty Electric Vehicle Manufacturer
Joshua Cohen , SWITCH Energy	Electric Vehicle Charging Station Manufacturer
Robert Wimmer , Toyota	Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Manufacturer
Walt Alfred , Ally Power Inc.	Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Equipment Manufacturer
<i>Vacant</i>	Fleet Operator
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Sari Amiel , Sierra Club	
Paul Verchinski	Public with expertise in energy or transportation policy
John Bowis , Chevy Chase Automotive	New vehicle dealer association
<i>Vacant</i>	Retail Electric Supplier Community
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Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo , District 15 Montgomery County	House of Delegates
<i>Vacant</i>	
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