



MARYLAND
ZERO EMISSION
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council

February 11, 2020

The Honorable Delores G. Kelley, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chair
House Environment and Transportation Committee
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 277 & HB 359 – Clean Cars Act of 2020 – Extension, Funding, and Reporting

Dear Chairs Kelley and Barve:

The Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (“ZEEVIC” or “Council”) has reviewed the contents of SB 277 and HB 359 and determined that these bills are intended to achieve an outcome that is consistent with the mission of ZEEVIC and the State’s goals for electric vehicle (“EV”) promotion and proliferation.

ZEEVIC was established through legislation introduced in 2011 as part of a package of bills to promote EVs in the State of Maryland. ZEEVIC’s mission is to: evaluate incentives for the ownership of EVs and the purchase of EV charging equipment; develop recommendations for a statewide infrastructure plan; and, propose policies to promote the successful integration of EVs into Maryland’s communities and the transportation system.

As introduced, SB 277 and HB 359 would extend and alter the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program (“Rebate”) and vehicle excise tax credit for the purchase of certain electric vehicles (“Credit”). The Rebate and Credit have been essential mechanisms to help achieve Maryland’s transportation electrification goals. ZEEVIC understands that policymakers are considering alterations and would encourage a full consideration of stakeholder concerns to ensure that both mechanisms continue to support the achievement of Maryland’s EV goals.

Respectfully,

Kevin George Miller
Chair, Legislative Workgroup
ZEEVIC