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Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council – Reporting and Sunset Extension

This bill would extend the termination date of the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2031, and would require annual reports to the General Assembly through that time period.

For many years, ZEEVIC has played an important role in bringing key stakeholders together to coordinate, develop, and advise on policies and investments to promote zero emission vehicle use and associated infrastructure development in Maryland. Despite significant progress to date, strategic issues continue to arise where ZEEVIC is well-positioned to play these lead roles in support of Maryland's ongoing transition to zero emission vehicles.

In alignment with State climate goals and strategies, Montgomery County encourages the adoption of zero emission vehicles as a core strategy to help achieve the County's climate goals. County staff regularly participate in ZEEVIC meetings and value the opportunity to learn from, coordinate, and collaborate with other stakeholders on these issues.

We respectfully request that the Environment and Transportation Committee issue a favorable report on House Bill 451.