

February 5, 2020

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

## Re: HB 232 – Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council - Reporting, Membership, and Sunset Extension

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council ("ZEEVIC" or "Council") has reviewed the contents of HB 232 and determined that this bill supports both 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, HB 232 would extend the Council's authorization through June 30, 2026, update reporting requirements, and address Council membership. ZEEVIC supports the content of this bill, and the Council's legislative workgroup looks forward to reviewing future legislative efforts regarding electric vehicles.

Respectfully,

Kevin George Miller Chair, Legislative Workgroup ZEEVIC

CC: The Honorable David Fraser-Hidalgo The Honorable Mary Lehman