

Testimony to the House Environment and Transportation Committee
HB 232 Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council

Position: Favorable

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The Honorable Kumar Barve, Chair
Room 251, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Honorable Chair Barve and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

My name is Scott Wilson, and I currently drive an all-electric 2017 Chevy Bolt EV and 2013 Nissan Leaf. I serve on the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC), and I'm also Vice President of the Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington DC (EVADC). I support passage of HB 232 for the following reasons.

ZEEVIC is a forum in which representatives covering all major aspects of zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) have been productively coordinating effort to achieve Maryland's stated goals for ZEV adoption. It therefore makes sense to extend the term of the Council, since, while progress has been significant, it is no where near finished, and ZEEVIC will be **needed even more** as the decade unfolds.

In addition, HB 232 adjusts the membership of ZEEVIC to better reflect the diverse nature of today's ZEV drivers. It does this by broadening representation to include a general electric vehicle advocacy organization. ZEEVIC needs the perspective of people who drive ZEV's daily, since they are most familiar with the reality on the ground of Maryland's ZEV infrastructure. Adding a seat for an electric vehicle driver advocacy organization will complete the circle on ZEEVIC's mission.

HB 232 also adds a seat for a representative from the environmental community, making a total of two seats, which thus balances the representation on ZEEVIC of the other ZEV sectors.

Thank you for your time,

Scott Wilson