

Testimony to the House Environment and Transportation Committee
HB 232 Maryland Zero Emission electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council – Reporting,
Membership, and Sunset Extensions

Position: Favorable

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The Honorable Kumar Barve, Chair
Room 251, House Office Building
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Honorable Chair Barve and Members of the House Environment and Transportation
Committee:

My name is Paul Verchinski, and I currently drive a plug in hybrid 2018 Chevy Volt EV. I serve on the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC), appointed by Governor Hogan to represent the public at large. I support passage of HB 232 for the following reasons.

This legislation would alter the deadlines for the interim and final reporting requirements for the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC). This is vital since reaching 300,000 electric vehicles by 2025 is an integral component of the draft Green House Gas Reduction Plan for Maryland. Currently, the rate of adoption for electric vehicles will not reach that goal. This would also expand the membership of the Council by adding one representative of an electric vehicle driver advocacy organization instead of the Baltimore Electric Vehicle Initiative and two, instead of one, representative of the environmental community. This is very desirable since the public with interests in ZEEVIC recommendations needs wider representation in my opinion

Thank you for your time,

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