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The Honorable Kumar Barve
Chairman, House Environment & Transportation Committee
251 House Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support – House Bill 359 – Clean Cars Act of 2020 – Extension, Funding, and Reporting

Dear Chairman Barve and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) supports House Bill 359 and offers the following information for the Committee's consideration.

The Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC) has been vital in promoting Maryland's overall effort in the continued development, advancement, and adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) as well as the installation of critical electric vehicle supply equipment (EVSE).

Maryland has a goal of 60,000 zero emission vehicle (ZEV) registrations in the State by 2020 and 300,000 by 2025. These goals represent a key component of ensuring that Maryland meets our greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction goal of 40% from 2006 levels by 2030.

Since 2011, ZEEVIC has worked to remove barriers to EV usage in Maryland through the development of infrastructure action plans, permitting standards, and state incentives for the purchase of EVs and EVSE. This work has resulted in record EV registrations. As of December 2019, EV registrations totaled 23,433 – a significant increase from 8,405 registrations in December 2016.

We will look to continue the State's strong momentum to reach these important goals. The current ZEEVIC is comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders, all with vested interest in realizing our EV goals. Members include elected officials, electric vehicle manufacturers, environmental advocates, state agency representatives, EVSE manufacturers, electric utilities, members of the public, and Maryland academic institutions.

These pivotal efforts have resulted in the honor of Maryland being designated as a top tier, or Tier 1, EV State by the Electric Vehicle Coalition, second only to California.

Respectfully submitted,

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