

February 25, 2020

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

Re: HB 1316 – Residential Construction – Electric Vehicle Charging

Dear Chair Barve:

The Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council ("ZEEVIC" or "Council") has reviewed the contents of HB 1316 and we conclude that the bill is intended to achieve an outcome consistent with 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 1316 would require EV charging stations or dedicated electric lines under certain circumstances and for certain housing units. ZEEVIC supports increasing access to charging in residential settings, where over 80% of EV charging takes place.¹

Respectfully,

Kevin George Miller Chair, Legislative Workgroup ZEEVIC

¹ Plugged In: How Americans Charge their Electric Vehicles, Idaho National Laboratory, U.S. Department of Energy (2015), available at <u>https://www.energy.gov/eere/electricvehicles/charging-home/</u>