



MARYLAND
ZERO EMISSION
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council

February 25, 2020

The Honorable William C. Smith, Jr., Chair
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 734 – Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act

Dear Chairman Smith:

The Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (“ZEEVIC” or “Council”) has reviewed the contents of SB 734 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, SB 734 prohibits a condominium or homeowners’ association (“HOA”) from unreasonably prohibiting owners from installing electric vehicle charging equipment in their parking spaces. States around the country have passed similar legislation, and ZEEVIC believes this type of measure:

- Encourages the purchase and ownership of EVs;
- Promotes the installation and use of charging infrastructure at multi-unit dwellings; and,
- Aligns with the goal to integrate EVs into Maryland’s transportation system.

ZEEVIC supports the content of this bill, and the Council’s legislative workgroup looks forward to reviewing future legislative efforts regarding electric vehicles.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin George Miller".

Kevin George Miller
Chairman, Legislative Workgroup
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