

Testimony for the House Economic Matters Committee and the House Environment and Transportation Committee

HB 832 Public Utilities – Electric School Bus Pilot Program

Position: **Favorable**

February 16, 2021

The Honorable Dereck E. Davis, Chair Economic Matters Committee
Room 231, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Honorable Chairman Davis and members of the House Economic Matters Committee:

My name is Robert Erdman, and I am a resident of Montgomery County. I'm also the Treasurer of the Electric Vehicle Association of greater Washington DC (EVADC). I am writing to you in favor of House Bill 832 Public Utilities – Electric School Bus Pilot Program.

By providing for an Electric School Bus Pilot program, Maryland can start moving down the road towards a better future!

It will provide for better children's health, through mitigation from breathing the dangerous fine particles that come from Diesel exhaust deiseal exhaust. It will result in less Green House Gasses thereby slowing climate change. And it will allow utilities to get experience using battery storage to better harness intermittent energy from wind and solar as well as addressing peak electricity loads, thereby improving our grid.

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request a favorable Committee report on House Bill 832.

Sincerely,

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