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**FAVORABLE - House Bill 832
Public Utilities – Electric School Bus Pilot Program**

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) support **House Bill 832 Public Utilities – Electric School Bus Pilot Program**. House Bill 832 would establish the Zero Emission School Bus Pilot program beginning in October 2022 for a period of three to five years for the deployment of not less than 25 electric school buses with program costs that do not exceed \$50 million. The bill also permits investor owned electric utilities to utilize the storage batteries of the electric school buses in order to access the stored electricity through vehicle to grid technology when the school buses are not in use. Furthermore, it allows the investor owned electric utility to deploy, own and operate electric charging infrastructure capable of supporting vehicle to grid operations in order to meet the charging requirements to support electric school buses deployed in the program.

In 2013, along with nine other states, Maryland signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Zero-Emission Vehicle programs. The MOU sets forth a target of 300,000 zero-emissions vehicles in Maryland by 2025. More recently, on January 16, 2019, the Maryland Public Service Commission (PSC) approved a five-year electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure pilot program that will be implemented by four of the state's largest electric utilities. Pepco and Delmarva Power are implementing this pilot program through our EVSmart Program which will help Maryland progress to the state's Air Quality and Chesapeake Bay goals. The EVSmart Program provides rebates, tools and information to help customers make more informed decisions when it comes to making the transition to a cleaner transportation option. House Bill 832 will ensure that Maryland's counties transition their school bus fleets to zero-emission vehicles in a timely manner.

Encouraging the expansion of public-school transit EV options is critically important because transportation is the largest contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in Maryland. For the above reasons Pepco and Delmarva Power respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 832.

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