



MARYLAND
ZERO EMISSION
Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council

February 16, 2021

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

Re: HB 784 – An Act Concerning Residential Construction – Electric Vehicle Charging

Dear Chairman Barve:

The Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (“ZEEVIC” or “Council”) has reviewed HB 784 and determined that the intent of the bill supports both the mission of ZEEVIC and the State’s goals for electric vehicle (“EV”) promotion and proliferation to help address climate change and improve air quality.

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 784 would require builders of new single-family housing units, or their agents, to provide each buyer or prospective buyer with the option to include an electric vehicle charging station, or the wiring for future installation thereof, in or on the garage, carport, or driveway. We are broadly supportive of increasing access to EV charging infrastructure in residential settings, and observe that the intent of this bill is consistent with increasing such access.

The Council’s Legislative Working Group appreciates the opportunity to review this bill, and we look forward to reviewing future legislative efforts regarding electric vehicles.

Respectfully,

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

Kevin George Miller
Chair, Legislative Working Group
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