



April 1, 2021

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

Re: HB 480 – Vehicle Laws – Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles – Reserved Parking Spaces

Dear Chairman Smith:

The Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (“ZEEVIC” or “Council”) has reviewed the contents of HB 480 and determined that the intent of 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, HB 480 would prohibit a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle that is not an EV in a parking space that is designated for the use of an EV. In addition, HB 480 includes provisions about signage and ensuring compliance with relevant local and federal requirements.

ZEEVIC supports the intent of this bill. The Council’s legislative workgroup also recommends future consideration for how parking requirements at parking spaces designated for the use of an EV can be implemented consistently statewide. We look 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
Chair, Legislative Working Group
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