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**SUPPORT – Senate Bill 548- Maryland Energy Administration – Energy Program – Modifications
(Clean Transportation and Energy Act)**

Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco) and Delmarva Power & Light Company (Delmarva Power) support Senate Bill 548- Maryland Energy Administration – Energy Program – Modifications (Clean Transportation and Energy Act). This legislation alters the electric vehicle recharging equipment program by extending the duration of the program through fiscal year 2026, repeals the limitation on the total amount of rebates that the Maryland Energy Administration may issue in each fiscal year and alters the definition of “grant” for the purposes of the medium-duty and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicle grant program. By increasing incentives for people and businesses that purchase electric medium-duty and heavy-duty trucks and charging stations, this allows businesses that switch from fossil fuel consuming trucks to electric trucks to receive grants that cover 100% of the cost differential.

Maryland has set an ambitious goal of 300,000 zero emission vehicles on the road by 2025 and 600,000 by 2030. While coming down in price, electric vehicle prices can be seen as more expensive than traditional vehicles to the average customer. To meet this goal, it is important for the state to provide consumer programs like grants, tax credits and rebates that incentivize the purchase of zero emission vehicles. This is essential to achieving Maryland’s climate and air quality goals. Finally, encouraging the growth of electric vehicles is critically important as transportation is the single largest GHG emissions generator in Maryland. Electric vehicles will play an integral role in helping Maryland meet its emission reduction goal.

Pepco and Delmarva Power are committed to helping Maryland achieve its electric vehicle goals. For reasons stated above, Pepco and Delmarva Power respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 548 and we thank the Administration for requesting this bill.

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