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BILL NO.: **HB 550**

TITLE: Maryland Energy Administration - Energy Programs -
 Modifications (Clean Transportation and Energy Act)

SPONSOR: Delegate Frasier-Hidalgo

COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 23, 2023

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 550 – Maryland Energy Administration - Energy Programs - Modifications (Clean Transportation and Energy Act). This legislation would extend the Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment Rebate through FY 2026.

Baltimore County is committed to doing its part to reduce its reliance on harmful greenhouse-gas-generating fossil fuels and continually assessing the impacts that County operations have on the environment. The County has committed to electrifying its fleet and encouraging the installation of adequate public charging to serve residents, visitors, and government vehicles. Turning the tide of climate change, however, cannot be accomplished by any one jurisdiction. To make a significant dent in Maryland’s carbon footprint, residents and governments across the State need to play a role.

House Bill 550 will maintain a critical incentive for the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging equipment and enhance those incentives by removing the cap on the rebate. Furthermore, this legislation increases grants from 20% to 100% to cover the incremental costs of qualified medium and heavy duty zero emission vehicles. By making these vehicles more affordable and accessible, HB 550 furthers Maryland’s statewide goal net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 550. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.