



February 20, 2024

Hon. Marc Korman  
Chair, House Environment & Transportation  
Committee  
251 Taylor House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Hon. Regina Boyce  
Vice-Chair, House Environment &  
Transportation Committee  
251 Taylor House Office Building  
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Re: HB 774 Motor Vehicles - Certificate of Title Fees - Zero-Emission Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles

### Support

Dear Chair Korman:

I am writing to express the American Council of Engineering Companies/MD's (ACEC/MD) support for the proposal to raise title fees for Zero-Emission Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles (ZEVs) to \$200 in Maryland. As advocates for sustainable infrastructure development and responsible transportation funding, we believe this measure is crucial for the long-term vitality of our transportation systems and environmental sustainability.

The transportation trust fund plays a pivotal role in ensuring the maintenance, improvement, and expansion of Maryland's transportation infrastructure. However, as we continue to witness the increasing adoption of ZEVs, it is imperative that our funding mechanisms adapt to these changes. While ZEVs offer numerous environmental benefits, they also present unique challenges regarding their contribution to infrastructure wear and tear and the related funding requirements.

Raising title fees for ZEVs to \$200 represents a fair and equitable approach to ensure that all vehicles contribute proportionately to the upkeep of our transportation infrastructure. This adjustment not only reflects the actual usage of roads and bridges by ZEVs but also provides a necessary influx of funding to the transportation trust fund, allowing for essential maintenance and development projects to proceed without undue financial strain.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chad Faison". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Chad Faison  
Executive Director, ACEC/MD