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The Honorable Brian Feldman  
Chair, Senate Education, Energy and Environment Committee  
2 West Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Re: Support for House Bill 451 If Amended**

Dear Chairman Feldman,

Thank you for the opportunity to express Honda's strong support for extending the life of the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council. Honda shares the goals of the State of Maryland in working towards carbon neutrality and believes that the work of this council is crucial to helping Maryland develop the policies that will help support a successful transition to widespread adoption of zero emission vehicles.

While we support the work of the council, we are concerned that representatives from the Hydrogen industry are being removed as a part of this reauthorization. Honda is deeply invested in Hydrogen technology, and while it may not currently have widespread use in the private light-duty transportation sector, it has amazing possibilities for medium and heavy duty transportation, as well as for fleets that have different needs than individual consumers. As we've all learned, the widespread transition to zero emission vehicles is incredibly complicated and we need to utilize all the tools available to make this transition successful, including Hydrogen powered vehicles. We ask that you keep the hydrogen industry at the table so that the council can continue to take a wholistic view of Maryland's future transportation needs.

We appreciate your attention to this important environmental issue. Honda is proud of our relationship with Maryland, which is home to 29 authorized Honda and Acura dealerships that employ more than 2,200 people and provide Maryland consumers with a wide range of products that utilize the latest environmental and safety technologies. For more information on Honda's presence in the United States or our safety leadership, please visit [www.hondainamerica.com](http://www.hondainamerica.com) or follow us on X formerly known as Twitter @HondainAmerica.

If you have any questions, or if Honda can otherwise be a resource for you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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