



Metropolitan Washington
Council of Governments

March 23, 2026

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

RE: Support for HB 451, Maryland Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Council

Dear Senator Feldman:

On behalf of the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), I am writing to offer our support for HB 451, which alters the deadlines for the interim and final report requirements for the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council to June 30, 2031.

Climate change is a regional priority for COG, the association of local governments in metropolitan Washington. Zero emission vehicles are one of the main strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The COG Board has prioritized electric vehicles as necessary to meet regional climate goals. The extension of the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council would greatly facilitate these efforts by lowering the barrier of entry when acquiring a zero-emission vehicle.

COG supports your efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation, which aligns with our legislative priorities. Please contact Jeffrey King, COG Director of Climate, Energy, and Air Programs, at (202) 962-3238 or jking@mwcog.org if you have any questions. I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cindy Dyballa', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Cindy Dyballa
Chair, Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee

cc: Honorable Cheryl Kagan
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Honorable Benjamin Brooks
Honorable Mary Beth Carozza
Honorable Jason Gallion
Honorable Kevin Harris
Honorable Katie Fry Hester
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