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Energy Administration

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TO: House Environment & Transportation Committee
FROM: Mary Beth Tung – Director, MEA
SUBJECT: HB0232 -Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment for Multifamily Units Act and Fee Exemptions
DATE: February 6, 2020
CONTENTS: Letter in Support of with Amendments

MEA Position: FAVORABLE – WITH AMENDMENTS

Explanation

House Bill 232 has some language which will keep the funding calendar for MEA’s Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment Rebate Program 2.0 (“EVSE”) out of synch with the proposed changes to reporting dates for the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (“ZEVIC”). For housekeeping and congruity purposes, MEA offers the following amendments so that MEA’s funding for the zero emissions vehicles the ZEVIC reports upon can be aligned. MEA recommends that the committee strike the proposed changes to the statutory language beginning on Page 2 at Line 30 starting with “[2017]” through Page 2 Line 31 ending with and including striking “**2025**”; and replace on Page 2 at Line 34 “**2026**” with “**2023**”.

MEA further recommends that the committee replace the proposed changes to the statutory language on Page 3 at Line 6 “**15**” with “**12**” and replace on Page 3 at Line 7 “**2026**” with “**2023**”.

MEA further recommends that the committee strike the proposed changes to the statutory language beginning on Page 3 at Line 21 starting with “[2017]” through Page 3 Line 22 ending with and including striking “**2025**”; and replace on Page 3 at Line 25 “**2026**” with “**2023**”.

MEA further recommends that the committee replace the proposed changes to the statutory language on Page 3 at Line 31 “**15**” with “**12**” and replace on Page 3 at Line 32 “**2026**” with “**2023**”.

In the alternative, MEA recommends that the committee replace the proposed changes discussed *infra.* with the language found in SB0277 Pages 5-7 lines 28-31.

Justification

MEA supports the construction of electric vehicle charging equipment. The existing EVSE program is administered in an efficient and successful manner with the a funding calendar that helps enable Marylanders to purchase thousands of zero emissions and hybrid electric vehicles. MEA believes that a aligning the ZEVIC reporting requirements with the funding calendar for EVSE will cut down on administrative hurdles.

For these reasons, MEA requests you to give House Bill 232 a favorable report with the amendments discussed herein.