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Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: GM Support for House Bill 44, Clean Cars Act of 2021

To Chair Barve:

General Motors LLC (GM) supports House Bill (HB) 44, the Clean Cars Act of 2021, that extends and enhances Maryland's vehicle excise tax credit for the purchase of electric vehicles (EVs). While industry investment in EVs and model availability are both rapidly growing, the EV market today is still young and relatively small, with high battery costs driving up retail vehicle prices. In this environment, compelling consumer-facing purchase incentives continue to be critically important for accelerating demand for EVs. Evidence from markets across the country and around the world shows that incentives like the tax credit proposed in HB 44 have clear, positive impacts on EV sales.

GM also appreciates the bill's inclusion of greater funding for the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program. Expanding access to EV charging is another key enabler of widespread EV adoption. Combined with the consumer tax credit for vehicle purchases, HB 44 will help Maryland take strides toward achieving its ambitious EV adoption goals.

We commend the bill sponsors and supporters for their leadership and efforts to encourage the growth of the EV market in Maryland. The state's ambitious goals for the electrification of transportation can only be achieved through the concerted efforts of all stakeholders and with a continued focus on supportive policies like those proposed in HB 44.

Sincerely,

