

Testimony to the House Environment and Transportation Committee
HB 592 State Vehicle Fleet – Conversion to Zero-Emission Vehicles

Position: Favorable

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The Honorable Kumar Barve, Chair
Room 251, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Honorable Chair Barve and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

My name is Scott Wilson, and I currently drive an all-electric 2017 Chevy Bolt EV and 2013 Nissan Leaf. I'm Vice President of the Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington DC (EVADC) and I serve on the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC). I support passage of HB 592 for the following reasons.

This bill would begin the transition to an all zero-emission vehicle state fleet starting in FY 2023. A large proportion of zero-emission vehicles available then will likely be plug-in electric vehicles, which are known to have around 1/4 to 1/3 of the operating cost of gasoline and diesel vehicles. Thus, in addition to benefiting from no tail-pipe emissions, the taxpayers of Maryland will enjoy substantial monetary savings. Since the initial purchase price of zero-emission vehicles will very likely be lower, the state will be able to recoup any price premiums sooner, as well.

I urge a favorable report on this bill.

Thank you for your time,

Scott Wilson