



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0334**  
**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – CONVERSION TO ZERO-EMISSION**  
**BUSES (ZERO EMISSION BUS TRANSITION ACT)**

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Korman

**Committee:** Environment and Transportation

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0334 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

The greatest amount of greenhouse gas pollutants in Maryland (70%) comes from the transportation sector. It is incumbent upon the state to take measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from this sector in order to meet our greenhouse gas reduction targets.

This bill would seek to prohibit the state from purchasing new buses that are not zero-emission vehicles after 2023. It would also require the Maryland Transit Administration to provide a report every year that would show the schedule for converting the fleet, the cost of any additional infrastructure required to support the new zero-emission buses, the cost of transitioning any workers who are adversely affected, and most importantly – the projected reduction in greenhouse gases from the conversion.

This is a welcome policy, not only because it will help the state reduce greenhouse gases in the transportation sector, but because it offers a plan for transitioning not only the infrastructure, but the workers.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.