



HB 592– State Vehicle Fleet - Conversion to Zero-Emission Electric Vehicles

Testimony before House Environment and Transportation Committee

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Position: Favorable

Mr. Chair, Mr. Vice Chair and members of the committee, my name is Michael Loll, and I represent the 700+ members of Indivisible Howard County. We are providing written testimony today in **strong support of HB 592**. This bill would begin the conversion of state vehicle fleets to zero emission vehicles starting in 2023.

Fleet conversion to zero emission vehicles will reduce the state government's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Given the volume of traffic throughout the state, this reduction may not be huge, but the state's fleet is sizable, and any effort to curb these emissions must be undertaken in light of the rapid advance of climate change. In addition, adoption of this bill will serve as a powerful example of Maryland's commitment to a greener future.

Besides the threat of climate change, air pollution from fossil fuel vehicles is a constant problem in our state, particularly in metropolitan areas like Baltimore. The state can help bring down ozone, sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, and particulate matter pollution by changing its vehicles over to non-polluting zero emitters.

Thank you for your time and attention.

We encourage a favorable report.

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