

Testimony to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, HB044 Clean Cars Act of 2021

Position: SUPPORT

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Honorable Chair Kumar P. Barve and Members of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee:

I have observed the positive impact of driving zero emissions clean EV has had on the health and safety of my family. For one, I can safely operate the car without having my children breathe in the harmful carbon monoxide. Another consideration is the safety aspect. According to the NHTSA, Tesla offers the safest vehicles on the road. All of them have achieved 5 star safety ratings. Here's one example for the Model 3 <https://www.nhtsa.gov/vehicle/2021/TESLA/MODEL%2525203> Who wouldn't want your family members riding in the safest, cleanest, most efficient vehicles possible? Unfortunately, most of the current EV offerings are priced higher than the internal combustion car equivalents. The MD Excise Tax credit makes the EVs more attractive and attainable for the average household. Restoring the credit and working through the backlog would help accelerate EV adoption at a more rapid pace. Please consider approving this bill as it is the right thing to protect the future of our state, communities and families.

Sincerely,
Brad Berline