



**Subject: SUPPORT FOR HB 44**

January 26, 2021

Environment and Transportation Committee  
Room 251  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Honorable Chair Kumar P. Barve and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for considering House Bill 44 (Clean Cars Act of 2021). We **SUPPORT** this bill because many of our Maryland based members took advantage of previous state excise tax credits and rebates to purchase their first electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging stations.

Electric vehicles, while coming down in price, are still high for the average vehicle owner. This rebate as well as federal rebates bring parity to electric vehicles and internal combustion engine vehicles. EVs, while growing in popularity, are still a very low percentage of what people drive (under 2%). The introduction of larger electric SUVs and trucks in 2021 and 2022 will make EVs even more popular with the help of rebates and incentives.

This Bill will also help the State of Maryland try to reach its goal of putting 300,000 Zero Emission Vehicles on the road by 2025 because it has the potential to help boost EV sales in Maryland. We already know it is working because funds tend to run out before the end of the 2 year period.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email or on my cell phone at 240-416-9001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Czajka".

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