



Peter Franchot  
*Comptroller*

**TESTIMONY OF COMPTROLLER PETER FRANCHOT**  
**Support - House Bill 334 - Maryland Transit Administration - Conversion to**  
**Zero-Emission Buses (Zero-Emission Bus Transition Act)**  
*Environment and Transportation Committee*  
*February 12th, 2021*

Chair Barve, Vice Chair Stein and members of the Committee, it is my pleasure to provide testimony in **support** of **House Bill 334 - Maryland Transit Administration - Conversion to Zero-Emission Buses (Zero-Emission Bus Transition Act)**. I would like to thank Delegate Korman for sponsoring this legislation.

This bill prohibits the Maryland Transit Administration from entering into a contract to purchase buses for its transit bus fleet that are not zero-emission buses, beginning in 2023. We have to address the most pressing threat we face as a species, the climate crisis. We only have one planet and we have to do everything we can to protect it, and I fully support House Bill 334 which would take us in that direction.

For the reasons stated above, I respectfully request a **favorable report** for House Bill 334. Thank you for your time and consideration.

###