



MARYLAND
LEAGUE OF
CONSERVATION
VOTERS

Kim Coble
Executive Director

February 15, 2022

2021 Board of
Directors

SUPPORT SB61: Zero-Emission Bus Transition Act Revisions

Lynn Heller, Chair
Mike Davis, Treasurer
The Hon. Virginia
Clagett
Candace Dodson Reed
Verna Harrison
Melanie Hartwig-Davis
The Hon. Steve Lafferty
Patrick Miller
Bonnie L. Norman
Maris St. Cyr
Katherine (Kitty)
Thomas

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

In 2021, the Maryland General Assembly took the important step of passing the Zero-Emission Bus Transition Act, which was a priority of Maryland LCV. We are grateful for your leadership on this significant legislation, which will benefit the health of Marylanders who rely on public transit, as well as the communities heavily trafficked by these diesel vehicles. Additionally, converting our state fleet of transit buses to zero-emission vehicles takes steps to reducing the contribution of our transportation sector to carbon emissions.

This year, we ask you to continue that work by restoring language inadvertently cut from the bill during the final days of session; language that further protects the health and safety of the public transportation workforce. These provisions, which provide for adequate transitional training to the operations and maintenance workforce, support the goal of the Zero-Emission Bus Transition Act of 2021.

Maryland LCV is proud to support our partners in organized labor in urging a favorable report, and we thank Senator Zucker for his continued leadership on this issue.