

**February 14, 2022**

**BILL:** SB0126  
**TITLE:** Environment – New Motor Vehicles -Pollution Fee  
**POSITION:** SUPPORT  
**HEARING DATE:** 2/15/2022  
**COMMITTEE:** Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
**SPONSOR:** Senator Ben Kramer

I am writing to express our strong support for SB0126, the [New Motor Vehicle - High Pollution Fee bill](#).

The bill is practical and prevents more harm to our environment. It also provides needed funds to transition from burning fossil fuels that cause climate change to renewable energy. It also protects our most vulnerable residents from the particulate matter that high polluting vehicles emit.

Air pollution from burning fossil fuels is causing or worsening heart disease, asthma, lung disease, and cancer. The particulates in air pollution can also threaten pregnant women and their babies. [Recent research](#) has shown that even small increases in exposure to particulates in the air increases the risk of death from Covid-19.

Revenue from the fee will provide rebates for the sale of electric vehicles, funds for the purchase of electric transit and school buses, and expansion of electric vehicle infrastructure.

For these reasons and more, we urge a FAVORABLE REPORT on SB0126.

Respectfully submitted,

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