

**February 14, 2022**

**Testimony: SB0061 - Maryland Transit Administration - Conversion to Zero-Emission Buses (Zero-emission Bus Transition Act Revisions)**

**Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs**

**Submission from: Lee McNair, Co-leader, Cedar Lane Environmental Justice Ministry; a member organization of The Climate Justice Wing and Climate Partners.**

**Position: FAVORABLE**

**As a faith based community, we support the dignity and worth of every person. It is important to us to protect the workers who build and maintain the infrastructure of our state.**

**This bill ensures that the transition to zero-emission buses is a fair transition for the MTA labor force; that they receive training, registered apprenticeships, and have access to other labor management programs including equitable alternative employment positions where needed to make sure our workers are not adversely impacted by this very necessary transition.**

**Cedar Lane Environmental Justice Ministry supports SB0061 and recommends a FAVORABLE report.**