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VIA E-MAIL (aa_ent@mlis.state.md.us)

Members of the Maryland House Environment and
Transportation Committee
House Office Building, Room 251
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: HB1391 – SUPPORT

Dear Members of the Maryland House Environment & Transportation Committee:

I am writing this letter in the hopes that HB1391 will be recommended to the full House of Delegates as currently written; with no amendments that would remove the backdating provision. In March of 2021 I decided it was time to switch from my fuel efficient Prius to an even environmentally friendly Tesla Model 3 electric vehicle; one of the selling points was the \$3,000.00 state tax credit. I obtained financing and on March 27, 2021, I picked up my new Tesla at the Tyson's Corner dealership. It was shortly after receiving my vehicle that I discovered that the state tax credit has expired on June 30, 2020. Even though it was intended to be renewed, this didn't happen due to the emerging COVID-19 crisis. I was very disappointed to say the least.

There are several reasons why the state tax credit should be backdated to those who purchased a new electric vehicle with a purchase price under \$55,000.00 after July 1, 2020.

- The number of people effected by the backdating provision is limited – only those who purchased a new electric vehicle, for under \$55,000.00 between July 1, 2020 and now (approximately 21 months). The cost would be minimal given the huge budget surplus the State currently has.
- Honoring this small class of citizens is what the Committee had intended to do prior to the COVID-19 crisis. The Committee should do the right thing by these citizens who were trying to do the right thing by the environment and go electric – which is what the State is encouraging.
- The \$55,000.00 price limit insures that the state tax credit is going to the middle/working class. These folks are being most affected by the rapidly rising inflation and utility rates and could really use a break.

For me, personally, if I were to receive the state tax credit, it would assist me in doing all the extras that are associated with owning an electric vehicle, and help defray the ever increasing electric bills I have been receiving. While the cost to charge my car is minimal, for the past two months my electric bill – like citizens all over the state – has been rapidly on the rise. In addition, on January 18, 2021, my mother passed away and since that time my 86 year-old father has been living with me. Receiving the

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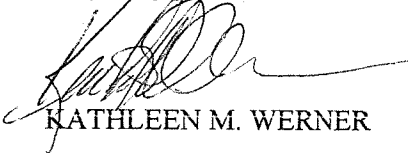
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state tax credit would help defray the cost of having an extra family member in my household (although I wouldn't change this for the world).

Thank you in advance for your time and attention to this matter. Please show your commitment to the environment and to those who have shown a commitment to the environment by supporting HB1391 as written.

I remain

Very truly yours,



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