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**TO:** Members, House Environment and Transportation Committee  
**FROM:** Mary Beth Tung – Director, MEA  
**SUBJECT:** HB 1391 - Clean Cars Act of 2022  
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**MEA POSITION: Letter of Information**

HB 1391 reestablishes a program within the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and funded by the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) to incentivize the purchase of new, zero-emission passenger vehicles.

MEA supports the continued development of markets for zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) and the associated infrastructure to assist in achieving Maryland's goal of having 300,000 passenger ZEVs on the road by 2025, and that medium- and heavy-duty (MHD) ZEVs will represent 100% of new truck and bus sales by 2050 with an interim target of at least 30% by 2030.

While HB 1391 addresses the passenger vehicle portion of the state's goals, the bill does not address MHDs or infrastructure. **MEA believes that a more holistic approach to market expansion and transportation decarbonization would yield greater efficiency in capital expenditures and administration**, and that tying the sunset provision for the existing electric charging infrastructure program, the ZEV passenger vehicle excise tax credit within HB 1391, and a new MHD ZEV program would allow for the regular review of those programs as a single initiative comprised of complementary efforts.

Lastly, MEA notes that HB 1391 would provide tax credits to vehicles that were purchased as far back as July 1, 2020. **The retroactive effect would consume a great deal of limited financial and staff resources to reward past actions**; resources that could otherwise be used prospectively.

MEA encourages the committee to consider the foregoing when rendering its report.