

Subject: HB 1391 – SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS

March 8, 2022

Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Honorable Chair Kumar P. Barve and Members of the Committee:

My name is Mark Czajka and I'm a resident of Charles County and the Director of MD Volt Inc., a Maryland EV club. I **SUPPORT** House Bill 1391 (Clean Cars Act of 2022) **WITH AMENDMENTS**. These are my personal views and recommendations to HB 1391:

I support extending the vehicle excise tax credit to incentivize people to purchase electric vehicles, but setting a ceiling on the purchase price is unrealistic in today's environment:

- Electric vehicle supply is low and many dealers are putting markups on their cars.
- Costs are increasing due to supply chain constraints and delivery costs (fuel to deliver EVs to dealerships).
- Electric trucks coming into the market now (and soon), with a decent battery size (Rivian R1T; Ford F-150 Lightning), even with a mid-level trim, exceed your cap of \$55,000.

Please remove the purchase price requirement. **Remove 13-815(b)(1)(iii) and 13-815(b)(2)(iii).**

If you intend to keep a price ceiling, a separate, higher, price ceiling should be created for electric trucks.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 240-416-9001 or mark@mdvolt.org

Sincerely,



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