



## TESTIMONY FOR HB0094

### State Vehicle Fleet - Conversion to Zero-Emission Passenger Cars and Other Light-Duty Vehicles

**Bill Sponsor:** Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo

**Committee:** Environment and Transportation

**Organization Submitting:** Maryland Legislative Coalition

**Person Submitting:** Cecilia Plante, co-chair

**Position:** FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0094 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

Getting gas-powered cars and trucks off the road and replacing them with electric vehicles is necessity in order to meet even our current greenhouse gas reduction goals, much less the reductions we really need to save our children's future. What better way to start than by ensuring that our state government is doing its part?

This bill will increase the number of electric vehicles that as a percentage of the state fleet so that by 2028, 100% of passenger cars are replaced with electric vehicles and by 2033, 100% of light duty trucks are replaced. It also requires the development of charging infrastructure to support the new electric vehicles and reporting to ensure that the goals have been met.

Our members are very supportive of environmental legislation that removes our dependence on fossil fuels. We understand that getting rid of our reliance on fossil fuels will cost money in the short term, but in the long term will reap large benefits for the state. Getting rid of gas-powered vehicles is not something that is a nice to have. It's something we desperately need to do, and we need to find the funds to ensure that we can make this conversion.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.