



Testimony on behalf of the Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce

*In Support of
House Bill 1391---Clean Cars Act of 2022*

*March 11, 2022
House Environment and Transportation Committee*

The Greater Bethesda Chamber of Commerce (GBCC) was founded in 1926. Since then, the organization has grown to more than 550 businesses located throughout the Greater Bethesda area and beyond. On behalf of these members, we appreciate the opportunity to provide written comments on House Bill 1392—Clean Cars Act of 2022

Maryland has set an ambitious goal of 300,000 zero emission vehicles on the road by 2025. In order to meet this goal, it is important to identify ways to incentivize the purchase of these vehicles. Maryland has had a tax credit program for several years to do just this. This program, for some of those years, has paired well with a similar program at the federal level. While we would appreciate seeing more dollars allocated for this program, we support House Bill 1391 as it extends the life of this program and provides a way for Marylanders to do their part in reducing greenhouse gases by purchasing and driving an all-electric vehicle/hybrid vehicle.

For these reasons, we would respectfully request a favorable vote on House Bill 1391. And we thank Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo for being such a champion on these issues.