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BILL: HB0060
TITLE: Environment – New Motor Vehicles -Pollution Fee
POSITION: SUPPORT
HEARING DATE: (1/026/2022)
COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation
SPONSOR: Delegate David Fraser-Hidalgo

Hello,

I live in District 9B and I am writing to ask you to vote favorably on HB0060, the New Motor Vehicle - High Pollution Fee bill.

The bill is practical and prevents more harm to our environment while providing needed funds for a sustainable transition away from the burning of heat trapping gasses that cause climate change while protecting the most vulnerable populations from the particulate matter that high polluting vehicles emit. The fee is dependent on the Co2 emissions in g/mile, meaning that lower fees are given to more sustainable vehicles. Especially now when climate change creates such dire issues, changes like this one must be implemented for a cleaner future.

It will not hurt business or the government as commercial vehicles for transporting goods, agricultural vehicles, public transportation, ambulances, and local government vehicles that are not used as passage vehicles are exempt from this fee.

Revenue from the fee will provide rebates for the sale of electric vehicles, the purchase of electric transit and school buses and expand electric vehicle infrastructure. Not only does this encourage car owners to look into eco-friendly options, but it allows us to put money into cleaner sources of transportation in the future.

Given the shortage in public transportation that already affects us today, the bill would allow more resources to be available and for them to be safer.

For these reasons and more, I Shriya Reddy urge a FAVORABLE REPORT on HB0060.

Respectfully submitted,

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