



Committee: Environment & Transportation

Testimony on: HB1391 - Clean Cars Act of 2022

Organization: Climate Justice Wing of the Maryland Legislative Coalition

Submitting: Diana Younts, Co-Chair

Position: Favorable

Hearing Date: March 11, 2022

Dear Mr. Chairman and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing our testimony today in support of HB1391. The Maryland Legislative Coalition (MLC) Climate Justice Wing, a statewide coalition of over 50 grassroots and professional organizations, urges you to vote favorably on HB1391.

Vehicles are the biggest contributor to Maryland's greenhouse gas emissions and they pollute the surrounding communities with noxious and unhealthy tailpipe exhaust. Switching to electric vehicles is critically important to reaching our climate goals.

This bill helps Marylanders transition to electric vehicles by allowing them to get a break on the excise tax of as much as \$3,000 - depending on vehicle type and tax amount - and covers electric vehicles, plug-in hybrids, motorcycles and 3-wheel vehicles.

As such, it is a straightforward necessary incentive.

We urge the Committee to recommend a **FAVORABLE** report.

MLC Climate Justice Wing:

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Maryland Legislative Coalition
MD Campaign for Environmental Human Rights
Chesapeake Climate Action Network
WISE
Frack Free Frostburg
Mountain Maryland Movement
Howard County Indivisible
Howard County Sierra Club

Columbia Association Climate Change and Sustainability Advisory Committee
HoCo Climate Action
CHEER
Climate XChange - Maryland
Mid-Atlantic Field Representative/
National Parks Conservation Association
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Glen Echo Heights Mobilization

The Climate Mobilization Montgomery
County
Montgomery County Faith Alliance for
Climate Solutions
Montgomery Countryside Alliance
Takoma Park Mobilization Environment
Committee
Audubon Naturalist Society
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Environmental Justice Ministry
Coalition For Smarter Growth
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MCPS Clean Energy Campaign
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Nuclear Information & Resource Service
Clean Air Prince Georges
Laurel Resist
Greenbelt Climate Action Network
Maryland League of Conservation Voters
Unitarian Universalist Legislative
Ministry of Maryland
Concerned Citizens Against Industrial CAFOs
Wicomico NAACP
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Responsibility
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Maryland Poor People's Campaign
Labor Network for Sustainability
The Nature Conservancy
Clean Air Prince Georges
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Maryland Environmental Health Network
Climate Stewards of Greater Annapolis
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Adat Shalom Climate Action
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