

Testimony to the House Environment and Transportation Committee  
HB 1391 Clean Cars Act of 2022

**Position: Favorable**

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The Honorable Kumar Barve, Chair  
Room 251, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Honorable Chair Barve and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

My name is Scott Wilson and I currently drive an all-electric 2017 Chevy Bolt EV and 2013 Nissan Leaf. I'm Vice President of the Electric Vehicle Association of Greater Washington DC (EVADC) and I serve on the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEEVIC), but the following comments are my own. I support passage of HB 1391.

The Clean Cars Act would re-establish an incentive in Maryland for plug-in electric (PEV) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEV) which is both reasonable, being capped at an MSRP of \$55,000, and effective, being set at \$3000 for a PEV and \$1500 for a PHEV. This incentive would be in addition to the federal 30D EV tax credit. Price data from EVADC shows approximately 15 models (not including two from Tesla) would qualify.

The proposed funding amount of \$10m would lead to a minimum of 3300 additional plug-in vehicles in Maryland, which would mean 3300 more Maryland families taking advantage of the EV Opportunity by cutting their per mile running costs by 3x, reducing their vulnerability to gas price gyrations and enabling a pathway for zero-carbon driving. Maryland itself would benefit in reduced carbon emission, reduced health impacts, and increased economic development.

I urge a favorable report on this bill.

Thank you for your time,

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