

Testimony to the House Environment and Transportation Committee
HB 94 State Vehicle Fleet – Conversion to Zero-Emission Passenger Cars and Other
Light-Duty Vehicles

Position: Favorable

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The Honorable Kumar Barve, Chair
Room 251, House Office Building
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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). I support passage of HB 94.

This bill would begin the transition to an all zero-emission vehicle state fleet starting in FY 2023. A large proportion of zero-emission vehicles available then will likely be plug-in electric vehicles, which are known to have around 1/4 to 1/3 of the operating cost of gasoline and diesel vehicles. Thus, in addition to benefiting from no tail-pipe emissions and the use of increasing amounts of clean electricity, the *taxpayers of Maryland* will enjoy substantial monetary savings. The number of plug-in models will be larger as well, which will give the state negotiating leverage, and reduced up-front costs.

I urge a favorable report on this bill.

Thanks you for your time,

Scott Wilson