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SUPPORT: HB94: State Vehicle Fleet - Conversion to Zero-Emission Passenger Cars and Other Light Duty Vehicles

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Maryland LCV strongly supports HB94: State Vehicle Fleet - Conversion to Zero-Emission Passenger Cars and Other Light Duty Vehicles., and we thank Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo for his leadership on this issue.

Maryland LCV works at the intersection of strong climate policy and environmental justice. This bill supports both of those interests.

In order to confront the growing threat of climate change, Maryland must continue to take bold steps to address the pollution coming from the transportation sector, which is the single largest contributor to our carbon emissions. Moving our state vehicles away from fossil fuel-reliant technologies and moving to zero-emission electric vehicles (which can be charged with clean, renewable energy) is critical to this effort.

The effects of climate change in Maryland are well-understood, including extreme weather events and the threat of sea-level rise. The pollution from carbon emissions not only fuels climate change, but also has a devastating effect on our health - especially the health of our underserved and most vulnerable communities, which have for too long been disproportionately impacted by pollution in Maryland

As the state strives to reach the mandate of 300,000 electric vehicles on the road by the year 2025, the State Government must lead the way by converting their fleet of cars and other light-duty vehicles to zero-emission vehicles.

Maryland LCV strongly urges a favorable report on this important bill.