



Bill: House Bill 1391- Clean Cars Act of 2022

Position: SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENTS

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Committee:

The Transportation Association of Maryland is a 501(c)(3) organization representing 104+ member organizations consisting of locally operated transit agencies (LOTS), non-profit transit providers, transportation vendor and transportation supporters with 20,000+ individual members. TAM is the legislative voice and vigilant eyes and ears of the transportation industry in Maryland. TAM's mission is to strengthen community transportation in Maryland through advocacy and professional development.

This bill establishes the Medium-Duty and Heavy-Duty Zero-Emission Vehicle Grant Program within the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA) and requires, in specified fiscal years, certain transfers and appropriations from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (SEIF) and mandated appropriations.

Our members are locally operated transit providers throughout the state, Some, especially those operating in rural jurisdictions, are unable to find no emission electric buses that meet the demands of their county or municipality. While we hope and expect that electric battery technologies will become more advanced with each year, given the current technology, we respectfully request that the bill be amended so that the medium-duty and heavy-duty grants also apply to the purchase of low emission vehicles.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any other questions or want to discuss more fully.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, Transportation Association of Maryland