



March 6, 2023

The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chair, House Economic Matters Committee
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**HB 1021: Products That Contain Mercury - Fluorescent Lamps – Prohibition
Position: Favorable with Amendments**

Dear Chair Wilson:

The Alliance for Automotive Innovation submits the following comments on HB 1021 and ask for an amendment to exempt fluorescent lamps utilized as replacement bulbs for previously manufactured vehicles.

From the manufacturers producing most vehicles sold in the U.S. to autonomous vehicle innovators to equipment suppliers, battery producers and semiconductor makers – Alliance for Automotive Innovation represents the full auto industry, a sector supporting 10 million American jobs and five percent of the economy.

Automakers have phased out fluorescent lamps for new vehicles, but older model vehicles still utilize small fluorescent lamps to light-up display units such as navigation systems and entertainment systems. These auto parts are no longer used in new vehicles but are needed for vehicle repairs. Sales of these bulbs are infrequent and are expected to diminish over time as late model vehicles are taken off the roads. No other alternative exists to replace these bulbs. Therefore, we respectfully ask the committee to include exemption language under **6-905.5** of the bill as follows:

6-905.5. (A) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

(7) LAMPS USED TO REPLACE A LAMP IN PREVIOUSLY MANUFACTURED MOTOR VEHICLES.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For more information, please contact our local representative, Bill Kress, at (410) 375-8548.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Fisher".

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