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Testimony Prepared for the
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
on
Senate Bill 224
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Position: **Favorable**

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to support a cleaner energy future via State purchasing. I am Lee Hudson, assistant to the bishop for public policy in the Delaware-Maryland Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We are a faith community with three judicatories across our State.

My community advocates for reductions of current and future greenhouse gas emissions through public policies that influence energy demand and consumption.

Lower emissions from vehicles are feasible with current technology and product. What is needed is expansion of demand to scale the product.

Commercial demand for zero emission vehicles is presently strong, suggesting the public is making a deliberate decision. Supporting market growth for zero emissions will hasten the result necessary for the desired effect, GGR. The State of Maryland can do its part by recruiting its purchasing power to increase ZEVs in its market.

Senate Bill 224 would adopt the relevant standards in California's ACT policy to increase ZEVs in the State's vehicle fleets. We support this policy instrument and its goal and ask your favorable report.

Lee Hudson