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Testimony Prepared for the
Environment and Transportation Committee
and the
Economic Matters Committee
on
House Bill 550
February 23, 2023
Position: **Favorable**

Misters Chairmen and members of the Committees, thank you for this opportunity to support a cleaner energy future in Maryland. 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 within 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.

House Bill 550 is a set of incentives of the kind needed for GGRs in the transportation sector. Following the 2022 Maryland Climate Solutions Act and the federal Inflation Reduction Act, the time to implement real energy regime reform is now here.

We favor keeping the rebate program for electric vehicle recharging stations in Maryland public policy longer, to further the rapid infrastructure build-out needed for the task. We also like the modifications in this Bill to that program that may improve its effectiveness. We ask your favorable report.

Lee Hudson