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Testimony Prepared for the
Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
and the
Budget and Taxation Committee
on
Senate Bill 548
February 28, 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 EV technology and product.

Following the 2022 Maryland Climate Solutions Act and the federal Inflation Reduction Act, the time to implement real energy regime reform is here. **Senate Bill 548** is a set of incentives of the kind needed for GGRs in the transportation sector.

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 to that program in this Bill that may improve its effectiveness. We ask your favorable report.

Lee Hudson