



Testimony to the House Environment and Transportation Committee
HB 774 Motor Vehicles - Certificate of Title Fees - Zero-Emission Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles
Position: Unfavorable

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The Honorable Marc Korman, Chair
Room 251, House Office Building, Annapolis, MD 21401

Honorable Chair Korman and Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee:

I have been an Electric Vehicle (EV) owner since 2011 having experience with five EV makes/models. For over a decade I have been a part of and observing EV adoption in Maryland and across the United States. As such, I know it is important for me and fellow EV owners to pay a *fair share* of road taxes.

That said, the question becomes "What is my fair share?"

My understanding is that HB 774 proposes to arbitrarily double the title fee imposed just for EVs and does not specify how the increased funds would be directed. I also understand that the Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs (TRAIN) commission was established to look into issues such as this and other questions but their recommendation report will not be delivered until the end of 2024. Meanwhile the multi-billion dollar shortfall in the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) looms.

I urge the committee to let the TRAIN commission complete their analysis on this issue and similar topics so well considered recommendations based on real data can be taken into account instead of picking a fee amount arbitrarily.

Increased consumer demand for EVs has the EV adoption train leaving the station, now let's see the TRAIN commission arrive with a final report before any changes are made to title fees for EVs and gasoline vehicles alike.

Respectfully,

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