Testimony Against HB1176

Honorable Delegates

Please enter an unfavorable report against HB1176.

I am against extending the termination date of a provision of law that authorizes certain plug-in electric drive vehicles to use high occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes regardless of the number of passengers in the vehicle to September 30, 2030.

The entire purpose of the HOV lane legislation was to reduce the number of vehicles being driven during rush hour. The law that exempted plug-in electric drive vehicles may have been a good idea when enacted to provide incentives to buy plug-in electric drive vehicles, but now that these vehicles have grown in popularity, this incentive is no longer needed. It is now counter-productive to the intent of the HOV legislation and its termination date should not be extended.

So please enter an unfavorable report against HB1176.

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