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House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

February 18, 2020

Re: HB 432 – The Electric Bus Transition Act

Dear Chair McIntosh and Chair Barve:

The purpose of this letter is to express the support of the Maryland Transit Caucus for HB 432, The Electric Bus Transition Act. *The Transit Caucus chose to not only endorse this legislation but to select this bill as one of our legislative priorities for the 2020 session.*

The Electric Bus Transition Act will greatly help Maryland meet its emission reduction goals as well as help improve the infrastructure needed to support electric vehicle use on a large-scale.

We know that urban sprawl makes communities reliant on cars, degrades the environment, and contributes to public health inequities. The Electric Bus Transition Act will transition MTA's fleet to 100% electric buses over time. This bill mandates that starting in FY 2022, MTA will not be allowed to enter into contracts to purchase non-electric buses.

Several localities in Maryland have already started the process of transitioning their buses to electric. Expanding this statewide would result in a reduction in the carbon emissions of gasoline-fueled vehicles within the state of Maryland into environmentally sustainable efforts.

The Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report for this legislation, considering the positive environmental and economic impacts it will have on the future of the state of Maryland.

Thank you for your consideration.