



Subject: SUPPORT FOR HB 1223 with Amendment

February 24, 2020

Environment and Transportation Committee
Room 251
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Ladies and Gentleman of the Committee:

Thank you for considering House Bill 1223 (Clean Cars Act of 2020). We **SUPPORT** this bill because of the increase in excise tax credit funding to 24 million dollars per year through July 1, 2023. This will help support getting through the backlog of credit requests (submitted prior to July 1, 2020) and support the purchase of BEVs (Battery Electric Vehicles) moving forward. Many of our Maryland based members took advantage of previous state excise tax credits to purchase their first electric vehicles.

We recommend an **amendment** to grandfather those in the backlog of credit requests, who purchased plug-in electric vehicles with a battery size between 5kWh and 30 kWh prior to July 1, 2020 , to be included with a credit as was supported in the Clean Cars Act of 2019 (or some comparable amount, even if smaller than the previous program supported). It would not be fair to only include BEVs from the backlog of credit requests and not PHEVs, like the Chevrolet Volt, which has a battery size of 18.4 kWh. Moving forward, we believe plug-in hybrid electric vehicles should still be included in the excise tax credit program, because their lower price makes them attainable by lower income families, but we understand that the Committee is acting to phase them out for vehicles which create less or no emissions.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via email or on my cell phone at 240-416-9001.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Czajka".

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