



**TESTIMONY FOR HB0592
STATE VEHICLE FLEET - CONVERSION TO ZERO-EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLES**

Bill Sponsor: Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo

Committee: Environment and Transportation

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of HB0592 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists, and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

The greatest amount of greenhouse gas pollutants in Maryland (70%) comes from the transportation sector. It is incumbent upon the state to take measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from this sector in order to meet our greenhouse gas reduction targets.

This bill would seek to prohibit the state from purchasing any new vehicles that are not zero-emission vehicles after 2023. We applaud the move from vehicles that produce greenhouse gases to those that have zero emissions. This is a responsible measure, given the severity of the climate crisis.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.