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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Allowing Direct-to-Consumer Sales of Electric Vehicles

HB 7142- AAC the Licensing of New & Used Car Dealers

BACKGROUND

Connecticut is a national leader in protecting the environment, advancing clean energy and combating climate change. The state's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) is demonstrated through the adoption of a mandatory emissions reduction target of limiting GHGs to 45% below 2001 levels by the year 2030, our participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), as well as our participation in the Eight State Zero-Emission vehicle program, which set a combined target of putting 3.3 million zero-emission vehicles on the road by 2025.

JUSTIFICATION

Demand for Electric Vehicles (EV) is growing in Connecticut. According to the EV Club of CT, the annual growth rate for Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs) was an impressive 91.4% in 2018. Unfortunately, Connecticut state law prohibits direct-to-consumer sales of electric vehicles. This means that residents interested in purchasing EVs from many parts of the state will be forced to travel across state lines to buy their cars.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), the transportation sector is Connecticut's largest source of greenhouse gasses, emitting 34.3 million metric tons of CO₂ in 2016 (roughly 44.6% of the state's total GHG emissions). This legislation would significantly increase residents' access to electric vehicles through direct-to-consumer sales from licensed EV manufacturers.

Allowing direct-to-consumer sales of EVs will incentivize more EV makers to come to Connecticut, which will help increase the number of zero-emission vehicles on the road and increase competition in the EV market. HB 7142 will help Connecticut meet its zero-emission vehicle and greenhouse gas reduction goals, protect air quality, create jobs in the clean energy and transportation sectors, and keep up with consumer demand in every part of the state.

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HB 7142- ALLOWING DIRECT TO CONSUMER SALES OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES

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