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**Sent:** Saturday, February 07, 2015 1:55 PM  
**To:** ETTestimony  
**Cc:** sganong@ctenvironment.org  
**Subject:** Help CT drive clean--ask for strong Electric Vehicles legislation!

This email is to support all efforts to encourage the use of EV's in Connecticut. Please help these bills get traction.

### HB 6030 and HB 6031

#### Strong legislation to promote ZEV use in Connecticut should:

- Establish a financial incentive--in the form of a tax break or rebate of between \$2,500 and \$5,000--that will combine with an existing federal rebate of \$7,500 to make ZEVs competitive.
- Add other incentives like access to HOV lanes.
- Require electric utilities to provide reduced rates for nighttime charging, when demand is low.
- Encourage the building of more charging stations through tax exemptions and updated building codes.
- Lead by example by purchasing ZEVs for the state fleet.

More EV's will result in less (imported) oil use, and also increase the demand for solar energy.

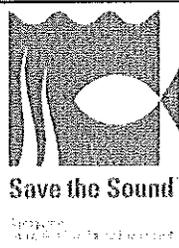
People love the idea of powering their car from the sun. Let's make it easy for them.

Thanks,  
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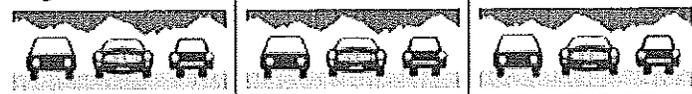
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## Electric vehicles clean our air and help meet climate goals

**Electric vehicles (EVs) and other zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) can be an important part of cutting air pollution and meeting Connecticut's climate goals**, but only if they are affordable and attractive to buyers. On Tuesday, the state legislature's Energy and Technology Committee will hold a hearing on two bills that can help do just that.



**HB 6030 and HB 6031 are currently concept bills--and that means *you* have an opportunity to affect their actual language. Strong legislation to promote ZEV use in Connecticut should:**

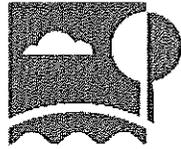
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The public hearing is your chance to tell the committee why you support legislation to increase use of ZEVs. The bill already has broad support from a coalition of organizations and businesses, and now you can add your voice.

**You can submit official testimony to the Energy and Technology Committee simply by emailing it in.** For even more impact, you can come deliver it in person in front of the committee. Here's how:

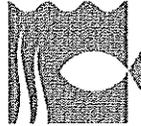
- Email written testimony in Word or PDF format to [ETtestimony@cga.ct.gov](mailto:ETtestimony@cga.ct.gov). It's best to send it in before the hearing.
- The public hearing is on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 1:00 P.M. in Room 1D of the Legislative Office Building, at 300 Capitol Ave., Hartford. Sign-up to speak at the hearing will begin at 11:00 A.M. in Room 3900 of the LOB, and you should email a written version to [ETtestimony@cga.ct.gov](mailto:ETtestimony@cga.ct.gov) in advance. Speakers will be limited to three minutes.

We'd love to know if you're sending testimony or plan to attend. Thanks for your support of electric vehicles on our roads!



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