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**Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce  
Legislative Committee**

Transportation Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2300  
Hartford, CT 06106

**Testimony on S.B. No. 198-  
AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES.**

Members of the Transportation Committee:

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee is opposed to S.B. No. 198, An Act Concerning the Purchase of Electric Vehicles.

The Middlesex Chamber is a dynamic business organization with over 2,350 members that employ over 50,000 people. We have a number of automotive retailers within our membership, and recognize that the motor vehicle franchise model in Connecticut promotes competition which is good for consumers, and provides assurance that automobile repairs are accessible at many locations around the state. Automotive retailers support tens of thousands of jobs in Connecticut and are strong corporate citizens that are active in their respective communities. State franchise laws are in place to protect Connecticut consumers and public safety. If this bill were to become law, the future of the franchise model would be at risk, and automotive retailers and Connecticut consumers would be negatively affected.

In closing, the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Committee reiterates its opposition to SB 198, An Act Concerning the Purchase of Electric Vehicles.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this issue.

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