

Statement in support of S.B. 127, An Act Concerning the Sale of Electric Vehicles in the State.

Transportation Committee

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Today I write in support of SB127 to allow direct sales of all-electric automobiles in CT. A direct sales model gives consumers access to many more BEV offerings, and an important alternative to the entrenched and outdated dealership model. Legacy auto has been far too slow to join the BEV revolution. Why would they? BEVs require *much* less maintenance, and dealers make most of their money on service. Change is coming, but not from within.

Electric cars are the way of the future. They produce zero localized emissions, and when combined with rooftop solar, zero generation emissions as well. BEVs sales in California already top 8% annually, and last year in Norway, over 50% of autos sold were BEVs. Let's make Connecticut a leader in this transformation, not a laggard.

Thank you for your consideration,

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