

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF
SB 127: AN ACT CONCERNING THE SALE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN THE STATE
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
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Dear Committee members,

My name is Dawn Henry and I'm from Westport, CT. I'm an electric vehicle (EV) enthusiast and a member of the Electric Vehicle Club of Connecticut and I'd like to express my support for SB 127.

The Climate Crisis is an all-hands-on-deck situation. We will need the collective efforts of private businesses, consumers, and government to come together and all make better choices to reduce carbon emissions. I support this bill because it removes a barrier for consumers considering an electric vehicle by making it more convenient to test drive and purchase the best-selling EVs available instead of forcing people to leave the state to do it. If someone is currently on the fence about EVs, or not particularly interested in the models available at current car dealerships, or not motivated enough to drive 1+ hour to go test drive a Tesla (or soon, a Rivian or Lucid) in New York, they may just default to purchasing another gas-powered car.

To make the kind of significant transition to EVs that the state has committed to, we need to be doing everything possible to ***make this transition easier for everyone*** not just the early adopter enthusiasts like me who have purchased out of state multiple times. Consumers should have freedom of choice to test drive, shop for, and purchase whatever car they want (and hopefully it's an electric one!), right here in the state of Connecticut.

Please support SB 127. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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