

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

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

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As a Connecticut resident and voter who is concerned with the ongoing Climate Crisis, I am troubled by Connecticut's lack of leadership in certain areas. Most climate scientists agree that we need to move as rapidly as possible off of fossil fuels and transportation is one of the largest contributors to the problems we face. Yet Connecticut seems to be stuck in the last century with the antiquated laws on automobile sales.

Electric Vehicles are new technologies being brought to the market by new companies working in new ways. However, Connecticut's laws prohibiting these companies from selling their vehicles directly to consumers significantly impedes our ability as a state to do our part to impact the Climate Crisis.

In 2013, Connecticut joined with seven other states in a memorandum of understanding; one of the goals of which is to have 3.3 million Zero Emissions Vehicles on the road by 2025. Connecticut's per capita slice of that pie is just under 145,000. As of January 2021, according to the Connecticut DMV, there are only 13,800 EVs registered in our state and the adoption rate is slowing<sup>1</sup>. There is no possible way we will get to 145,000 EVs on Connecticut roads in 5 years if it took 7 years to get to less than 14,000. You need to remove the obstacles that have been put in the way of American Electric Vehicle manufacturers and potential customers in Connecticut in order to have any hope.

If the past several years is any guide, the only people opposed to this proposed legislation are Connecticut's car dealers trying to protect their market. Not car manufacturers and not car owners. By contrast, it is EV manufacturers, Connecticut residents who own EVs, and Connecticut residents who would like to purchase EVs who are in favor of this proposed legislation. The choice is as clear as our air should be.

Please co-sponsor and vote "yes" on S.B. 127 to allow the direct sale of electric vehicles to Connecticut consumers.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://evclubct.com/interactive-ev-dashboard-january-2021/>