

Dear Transportation Committee Member,

Greetings.. I would like to offer my support for three important bills (SB127, HB5419, HB5423) which will greatly benefit the residents of Connecticut.

SB127 allows CT residents the freedom to purchase the electric vehicle of their choice in State. These are vehicles from American manufactures Tesla, Rivian and Lordstown with more to come. It is plain unfair and illogical to discriminate against these manufactures simply because they aim to change the fossil fuel based transportation industry which is polluting our State resulting in unnecessary health risks and medical issues for our residents. Many other States are forward thinking on this issue and CT should as well for the sake of its residents.

HB5419 should be amended to apply 100% of the GHG fee to Connecticut's EV incentive program including incentives for EJ communities and LMI families. Continuing to divert any of these funds into the CT General Fund does nothing to solve the health and climate issues we have in CT.

HB5423 will help CT reduce fossil fuel emissions making for a safer and healthier environment for all of us. It will help to improve air quality in the New Haven I95 / I91 area which is one of the 5 most polluted regions in the Northeast. Supporting this bill is the least we can do for a healthier CT.

Thank you for your support and myself, my family and friends all look forward to living in a better Connecticut.

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