

I am submitting written testimony in support of S.B. No. 127 concerning the sale of electric vehicles in the State of Connecticut.

As an owner of two Teslas, my husband and I are doing a small part to help reduce carbon emissions. We are concerned that the move to end the ICE age in our state is hampered by the antiquated law prohibiting the sale of EV's directly to customers. Other states are changing laws, such as California which has declared an end to the sale of ICE cars within the next few years. We should be moving FORWARD not standing still on this issue.

As I am sure you are aware, there are almost 14,000 EV's registered with Connecticut, the majority of which are Teslas. In my neighborhood in Wallingford alone, there are 6 Teslas, and I see quite a few others around town. We all had to travel to New York to pick up our vehicles. While this might be considered a minor inconvenience, it does send a message to state residents that we don't care about global change or conservation of energy.

This issue has been brought up a number of times, but the dealerships seem to have had the upper hand. But there are many different ways to purchase cars on-line these days, so the argument that you must use a dealer is out-of-date. Now is the time to say no to the dealer lobby.

Thank you for your consideration.