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The Honorable Brian E. Frosh, Chair  
Members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 East Wing  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: Letter of Support, Senate Bill 602: High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lanes- Use by Plug-In Vehicles

Dear Chairman Frosh and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of the Environment supports SB 602. This bill will provide added incentive for the use of plug-in vehicles, which is conducive to the State's climate protection and air quality goals. The use of low emissions vehicles results in a reduction of ozone precursors and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Reducing GHG emissions from the transportation sector is an important part of the State's plan to reduce emissions 25 percent by 2020, a target mandated by the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2009.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues as you review SB 602. Please contact me at 410-260-6301 or [lnissley@mde.state.md.us](mailto:lnissley@mde.state.md.us) if you would like to discuss any of these issues further.

Sincerely,

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