



LWVO Testimony on
SB257 -Authorize Tax Incentives For Plug-In Electric Cars
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The League of Women Voters of Ohio is pleased to support this legislation. As you know, motor vehicles are the largest source of greenhouse gasses in the United States. Yet the General Assembly has taken no action to reduce emissions, despite introduction of several meritorious bills in the past.

Since electric engines are much more efficient than gasoline engines, they cost less than half as much to drive. Electric vehicles are also an excellent means of eliminating tailpipe emissions, helping to reduce the need for E-Check.

Ohio has penalized electric cars by imposing an annual fee of \$200. Only West Virginia, in our region, has such a high fee. Although the fee is intended to make up for lost gas-tax revenues, it is far in excess of what is needed. The \$500 credit, included in SB257, will go a good way to correcting this error.

Thank you for your attention. I will be happy to answer any questions.

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