



October 8, 2021

The Honorable Brian Baldrige  
Chair, Transportation and Public Safety Committee  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**HB 292: Create Electric Vehicle Commission; temporary sales tax on parts**  
**Position: Support**

Dear Chair Baldrige:

The Alliance for Automotive Innovation<sup>1</sup> (Auto Innovators) is writing in **support of HB 292** which establishes the Electric Vehicle Commission. The Alliance for Automotive Innovation (Auto Innovators) represents the auto manufacturers producing nearly 99% of cars and light trucks sold in the U.S. Auto Innovators' members directly employ more than 16,500<sup>2</sup> Ohioans.

Automakers are leading the EV transformation and by 2025 will have invested \$330 billion to bring exciting new EV models to market, including battery, plug-in hybrid, and fuel cell EVs. By middecade, IHS Markit predicts that there will be 130 EV models available in the U.S., up from more than 50 EV models available today.

The shift to EVs also means expanded roles for states and other stakeholders to create opportunities for new and existing businesses to participate in this transformation. Auto Innovators is committed to partnering with public and private-sector stakeholders to advocate for policies that create viable business models, attract new capital sources, and stimulate competition and innovation to successfully accomplish this shift. We are at a pivotal time on the journey to a cleaner, safer, and smarter transportation future.

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<sup>1</sup> The Alliance for Automotive Innovation is the singular, authoritative and respected voice of the automotive industry. Focused on creating a safe and transformative path for sustainable industry growth, the Alliance for Automotive Innovation represents the manufacturers producing nearly 99 percent of cars and light trucks sold in the U.S. Members include motor vehicle manufacturers, original equipment suppliers, technology and other automotive-related companies and trade associations. The Alliance for Automotive Innovation is headquartered in Washington, DC, with offices in Detroit, MI and Sacramento, CA. For more information, visit our website <http://www.autosinnovate.org>.

<sup>2</sup> Multi-industry contribution analysis of the economic impact of automotive manufacturing and selling using IMPLAN economic analysis data software, 2019 data year

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We strongly encourage Ohio to pursue policies, like HB 292, that will help enable this transformation and will prepare Ohio for ever greater numbers of EVs. Through collaboration across various sectors, both public and private, we can ensure that the transition to EVs benefits all consumers, supports American workers, and enhances U.S. competitiveness and economic security.

Thank you for your consideration of Auto Innovators' request. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [jfisher@autosinnovate.org](mailto:jfisher@autosinnovate.org) or 202-326-5562, should I be able to provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Fisher". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Josh Fisher  
Director, State Affairs  
Alliance for Automotive Innovation

