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State Rep. Haraz N. Ghanbari
Chair, House Homeland Security Committee

Chair Ghanbari, Vice Chair Plummer, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the Ohio House Homeland Security Committee:

Thank you for allowing my organization the opportunity to support Ohio Sub House Bill 13. I am Mryia Williams, Executive Director of Drive Electric Columbus. We are a non-profit organization that offers education and outreach programming to foster Electric Vehicle adoption and ownership. Our membership is comprised of Electric Vehicle enthusiasts and owners who volunteer their time and personal electric vehicles for showcases, ride-and-drives, and speaking engagements. We also support owners by bringing them together to: socialize with others who have a common interest, learn about new Electric Vehicle (EV) policies, celebrate charging infrastructure launches, and offer discussions on various topics about services for EV owners.

Drive Electric Columbus supports Ohio Sub House Bill 13, which aims to eliminate the additional registration fees for non-plug-in hybrid vehicles. This important piece of legislation represents a significant step forward in ensuring that Ohio families are not burdened with excessive taxation for their economic choices.

We firmly believe that Ohioans should have the freedom to choose the most efficient and environmentally responsible vehicles for their needs without facing punitive financial measures. Ohio Sub House Bill 13 is a commendable effort to rectify an unjust situation by eliminating the \$100 registration fee that currently applies to traditional hybrid vehicles.

This bill recognizes the fiscal strain that Ohioans face and the ongoing contributions they make to the state's revenue through gasoline taxes every time they refuel. By alleviating the financial burden associated with hybrid vehicle registration fees, Ohio Sub House Bill 13 will have a positive and equitable impact on the budgets of countless Ohio families.

We support the stance of Representatives Miller and Weinstein, who rightly assert that the legislature should not penalize Ohio families for making responsible choices that contribute to efficiency and environmental stewardship. Instead, this bill ensures that individuals who choose non-plug-in hybrid vehicles are treated fairly and are not required to shoulder an unjustly disproportionate share of the financial burden.

In conclusion, we urge you to give your full support to Ohio Sub House Bill 13 and work toward its passage. By doing so, you will help ensure that Ohioans have the freedom to make responsible economic choices without being unfairly taxed for their decisions. This bill is not only a step towards equity but also a testament to Ohio's commitment to promoting environmental consciousness and economic well-being.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and please consider this letter as our endorsement of Ohio Sub House Bill 13.

Sincerely,

Mryia Williams, Executive Director
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