2022 Priority Electric Vehicle Bills

New York committed to putting 850,000 ZEVs on the road by the end of 2025 when it signed the Zero Emissions Vehicle Memorandum of Understanding with other Northeast states. But as of January 2022, New York had only reached 10.7% percent of that goal. The proposals listed below will help in this endeavor while complementing existing state initiatives such as Charge NY and Evolve NY that encourage people to buy electric cars and help transition towards a clean, resilient, and equitable transportation sector in New York.

Allow the Direct Sale of Vehicles – S.1763 (Kaminsky)/A.4614 (Fahy) - ACE NY supports the passage of this bill which will allow manufacturers of only electric vehicles to sell their EVs in New York at retail locations. Presently, there is a statewide cap certifying only five retail locations to sell EVs in New York, all of which are currently located downstate. The bill removes the ceiling on the number of certificates of registration, enabling entities who manufacturer or assemble zero-emission vehicles to open their own direct sales retail stores in the state. This change would have no cost to New York State's General Fund and will boost the number of EV retailers in the State, increase state and local sales tax revenues, create hundreds of new jobs, and make shopping for electric vehicles easier for New Yorkers.

Provide Incentives for the Purchase of Electric School Buses –

• Part B of Education Article VII Bill S.8006/A.9006 – ACE NY is pleased to support the Governor’s electric school bus proposal which includes provisions from S.5268/A.6754 on state aid for charging equipment and electricity use, and the bus lease extension. The Governor’s deadlines for no new gas or diesel bus purchases after 2027 and none on the road after 2035 is feasible and achievable. We would also like to see dedicated funding for EV school bus purchases, and the lease provision extended to 15 years. In addition to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and particulate matter pollution, electric school buses are cheaper to maintain.

• S.5268 (Kennedy)/A.6754 (Fahy) – We support this bill which would amend education transportation aid to include reimbursement for the purchase or lease of electric buses, and for the purchase of charging equipment and, similar to diesel fuel, the electricity. The bill also includes a sales tax exemption for private school transportation companies that lease to schools, and bus lease terms would be extended from 5 to 10 years, all meant to encourage the quicker adoption of electric buses.

Exempt Electric Vehicles from Sales Tax - S.4476 (Jackson)/A.4761-A (Fahy) – ACE NY supports this bill which provides a State sales tax exemption on the first $35,000 of battery, electric, or plug-in hybrid EVs purchase, and authorizes local governments to elect to do the same. This bill will help to reduce the upfront cost of purchasing or leasing an EV, a critical barrier to EV adoption.

Create a Clean Fuels Standard – S.2962-A (Parker)/A.862-A (Woerner) – ACE NY supports the adoption of a clean fuel standard to reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels while also achieving air quality benefits. Under this policy, entities must meet the standard by producing or purchasing low carbon fuels. The Switch to low carbon fuels achieves carbon dioxide emissions and co-pollutant reductions from the sector, especially in the short-term. The clean fuel standard will encourage transportation innovation as well as investment and sustainable funding for electric vehicles.