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MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Expanding Zero Emission Vehicle Sales

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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to certificates of registration for entities that manufacture or assemble zero emissions vehicles and have no franchised motor vehicle dealers in New York

JUSTIFICATION

New York is a national leader when it comes to protecting the environment, advancing clean energy, and combating climate change. The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) requires the State to achieve a carbon-free electric grid by 2040, and an 85% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (economy-wide) by 2050. Additionally, NY has set the goal of having 850,000 Electric Vehicles (EVs) on the road by 2025, and two million EVs by 2030 through the 2014 Multi-State Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Unfortunately, as of September 2020, New York had achieved only 3% of this goal.

New York State has reported that the transportation sector is the state's biggest greenhouse gas emitter, and that emissions are on the rise—increasing nearly 23% from 1990 to 2014. Despite the need to expand the use of zero emission vehicles in New York, legislation enacted in 2014 limited the direct sales of zero emission vehicles to just five licensed locations—all located downstate, leaving upstate residents without access to buy EVs. We cannot meet our climate and ZEV goals without providing greater consumer access to EV sales and service across the entire state.

This legislation would give more New Yorkers the option to purchase and service zero emission vehicles all across the state by allowing more direct sales locations from multiple EV manufacturers. Expanding the sale of zero emission vehicles across the state will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, meet important climate and ZEV goals, protect air quality, create jobs in the clean energy sector, and keep up with consumer demand in every region of the state.

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