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Clean Car Act Good Step toward Building Green Car Market in Maryland

Additional Investment is Required to Reach State Mandated ZEV Goals

WASHINGTON, DC, JANUARY 3, 2016 – The Association of Global Automakers (Global Automakers) applauds Maryland Governor Larry Hogan’s announcement to increase the state investment in its’ electric vehicle tax credit program as part of his 2017 environmental agenda.

“We are pleased that Governor Hogan is proposing a 30 percent increase in the states’ electric vehicle tax credit program and doubling the charging station rebate in his proposed Clean Cars Act of 2017,” said Damon Shelby Porter, director of state government affairs for Global Automakers. “Incentives for the purchase of green vehicles are a proven tool towards building a clean car market in Maryland that will ultimately benefit consumers and the environment.”

Maryland has adopted California’s Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) mandate under which automakers must sell an increasing percentage of ZEVs (*i.e.* battery-electric, plug-in hybrid-electric and fuel cell-electric vehicles) through the 2025 model year. In the last seven years, only 8,000 electric vehicles have been sold in Maryland. The state still needs to sell over 280,000 ZEVs to meet its 2025 mandate requirements.

“Growing the ZEV market is a shared responsibility,” said Porter. “Automakers continue to make huge investments in advanced technologies and we encourage the state of Maryland to consider additional ways, such as refueling infrastructure development, to encourage car shoppers to consider ZEVs.”

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