A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATORS MILLS, TODARO, GREENE, LORIGO

Re: Repealing the Advanced Clean Car II Regulations

WHEREAS, following California's lead, the Advanced Clean Car II (ACC II) regulations were adopted by New York State in December, 2022, requiring 35% of vehicles sold in NY to be zero-emissions by 2026 and all new passenger cars and trucks sold in NY to be zero-emissions by 2035; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reports that only 10% of car sales in the state are currently zero-emissions and make up less than 2% of the market in many regions across the state; and

WHEREAS, with only one year to go before the mandate takes effect, many consumers, car dealers, and public officials are concerned that the goals set by ACC II are unfeasible and too extreme; and

WHEREAS, vehicle manufacturers must increase the proportion of zero-emissions vehicles produced for sale in New York by over 300% in the next year to meet these requirements; and

WHEREAS, a bipartisan group of congressmembers from New York recently sent a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul requesting that she reconsider the timeline of the mandate and stating that "many consumers are not yet ready or able to make the switch to electric vehicles;" and

WHEREAS, the ACC II regulations will create a shift in the vehicle market, causing dramatically higher prices for new vehicles in New York or force consumers to purchase new cars out of state; and

WHEREAS, repealing and reconsidering these regulations will allow more time to improve the state's electrical infrastructure and reduce the harmful effects to consumers and the vehicle market; and

WHEREAS, working and middle-class New Yorkers need a more balanced and practical approach to the EV transition that allows consumers with a variety of options, gives the state more time to improve infrastructure, and allows manufacturers to build greater confidence in zero-emissions vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Body requests that Governor Kathy Hochul reconsider the adoption of the Advanced Clean Car II regulations and repeal them; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, the Western New York delegation to the NYS Senate and Assembly, and any other party deemed necessary and proper.