

Testimony in support of H5343: Lead by Example Act; Date of Hearing: February 27, 2025

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To: Chair Bennett and the honorable Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

This is an excellent, common sense and necessary bill if it can be assumed that someone must begin the process of making practical changes to alleviate emissions and reduce the impacts of climate change. The state would be a natural leader in such efforts but isn't. It is unfortunate that the state would not already be purchasing EV's or buying less water using plastic water bottles. Our state is not a leader while several municipalities are, so these efforts can be made. The state's actions would have a greater impact than individual municipalities' actions, so why aren't we doing better? The Act on Climate bill passed because there were expectations we could and would do better to address climate change, so why isn't the state taking basic steps toward these goals?

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