



SUPPORT

A. 4871/S. 1535 (Kelles/Hoylman-Sigal)

AN ACT to amend the executive law, in relation to require certain state owned and operated parking garages, open parking lots and other parking facilities to install and maintain charging stations for plug-in electric vehicles.

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 4871/S. 1535 (Kelles/Hoylman-Sigal), which would require all New York State owned or operated parking garages, open parking lots and other parking facilities to install and maintain a set amount of charging stations for plug-in electric vehicles (EVs).

In New York State, transportation is one of the largest emitters of greenhouse gasses. These greenhouse gasses are harmful to the environment and to public health. Transportation emissions are also a major environmental justice issue as people of color are twice as likely to develop childhood asthma due to their increased proximity to highways. Electric vehicles can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and create healthier communities, but lack of access to EV charging stations and “range anxiety” (the fear that longer trips are not practicable because a driver might find themselves in need of a charge but far from the nearest charging station) are common reasons why New Yorkers choose not to purchase EVs. In order to meet our climate goals, there needs to be a much larger and more accessible network of electric vehicle charging stations.

A. 4871/S. 1535 would require the installation of EV charging stations at parking facilities that are owned or operated by the State, thereby increasing public access to charging and accelerating the transition to light-duty EVs.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters urges passage of A. 4871/S. 1535.

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