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## **Announcing Electric Vehicle Lobby Day**

**When:** Thursday & Friday, February 10 - 11, 2022

**Where:** Virtual

*(Albany, NY)* – Over the next two days, teams of electric vehicle advocates and climate concerned citizens will be meeting with legislative leaders to discuss the importance of meeting New York’s ambitious Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) goals. The meetings, organized and led by the Alliance for Clean Energy NY (ACE NY), will be in support of key legislation currently before the Senate and Assembly, and will focus on the economic and jobs benefits of customer choice and direct sales of electric vehicles across the state.

“Vehicle and transportation technology is evolving rapidly, and we need all parties—automakers, dealers, utilities, and consumers—to work together to drive a successful transition to a zero emissions future,” said Deb Peck Kelleher, ACE NY Director of Policy Analysis and Operations. “This also means understanding the bottlenecks that are standing between drivers and clean vehicles and being open-minded about solutions.”

New York has committed to putting 850,000 ZEVs on the road by the end of 2025. As of January, however the state has reached only 10.7% of that goal.

Among the bills supported by EV Lobby Day participants is legislation to allow the direct sale of electric vehicles to New Yorkers. Currently, manufacturers of only electric vehicles – like Rivian and Tesla – can only sell directly to the driving public in five downstate showrooms. This limiting policy denies many New Yorkers access to freely test EVs and hurts business opportunities across the state. Legislation sponsored by Sen. Todd Kaminsky and Assemblymember Patricia Fahy (S.1763/A.4614) removes the cap on the number of direct EV retail stores in the state.

“This change has no cost to New York’s taxpayers,” Peck Kelleher said. “It will increase state and local sales tax revenues, create hundreds of new jobs, and make shopping for electric vehicles easier for New Yorkers.” Indeed, statistics show that in states where franchised dealerships have coexisted with manufacturer-to-consumer sales, dealership profits and employment rates exceed the national average.

Additional information about ACE NY EV Lobby Day Priorities is [here](#). For more information about the agenda and get involved, please contact [Deb Peck Kelleher](#).

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