



# **Environmental Justice Task Force**

## **Electric Vehicle Bill**

Unitarian Universalist Faith Action Environmental Justice Task Force endorses New Jersey Senate Bill S 2252 and Assembly Bill A 4819. These Bills are set to help clean the air and reduce cancer and illness from air pollution by promoting Electric Vehicles in New Jersey. Electric vehicles cut air pollution by 70% compared to other cars and trucks.

UU ETF believes that the greatest positive benefits will happen first in communities that suffer disproportionately from vehicle pollution, such as urban, low income, and Environmental Justice Communities. The bills task NJ Transit to purchase an increasing number of electric buses between 2019 to 2025 and beyond.

The bills (S2252/A4819) provide for rebates to encourage new electric vehicle purchases. They will require the planning, construction, and tracking of more public electric vehicle charging stations for users when away from their base charging stations.

These Bills can also boost New Jersey's overall economy. Electric vehicles cost 4 cents a mile to charge vs. 12 cents a mile for gas/diesel vehicles. Electric vehicles are easier to maintain and cost less than gas vehicles to repair. This will save money and owners will spend their money in other ways as more electric vehicles are put into daily use.