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Senator Mallory “Ohio Hybrid Car and Clean Fuels Day” a huge success

Senator Mallory introduces pro-environmental legislation

(Columbus) – State Senator Mark Mallory (D-Cincinnati), Ranking Member of the Senate Transportation Committee sponsored “Ohio Hybrid Car and Clean Fuels Day” today at the Statehouse. The purpose of the event was to bring attention to the use of fuel efficient automobiles as a method of conserving natural resources and protecting the environment.

Over 200 people attended the event, including legislators, mayors, and department representatives. Attendees were able to test drive 14 Hybrid and clean fuel cars from Ford, General Motors, Honda, Ohio-based Myers Motors. Representatives of the manufacturing companies, environmental organizations and fuel research groups answered questions and talked with patrons about the effects that hybrid cars and clean fuels have on the environment.

“What a great day,” Senator Mallory said, “I am extremely proud that there are so many people in Ohio that are truly passionate about saving our environment.”

In addition, Senator Mallory sponsored a resolution calling on Congress to amend the Energy Policy Act, allowing states to include hybrid vehicles in the 75% alternative fuel state light-duty vehicle requirement. The state is currently required only to purchase alternative fuel vehicles. Unfortunately, alternative fuels are scarce in Ohio, forcing state agencies to use traditional gasoline.

“The benefit of these environmentally friendly vehicles on the health of our citizens is of the utmost importance,” said Senator Mallory. “Use of these vehicles and fuels will greatly reduce the pollutants that endanger our wellbeing.

Senator Mallory also announced legislation forming a study committee to analyze the benefits of adding hybrid vehicles to the state fleet.

“People were really excited about the possibilities that Ohio faces in utilizing these vehicles in state and local governmental fleets, said Senator Mallory. “I talked to many people today that were supportive of this legislation.”