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Senate Bill 1063

Environment - Advanced Clean Cars II Program - Application and Enforcement

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To: Senate Education, Energy, & Environment Committee

Position: **UNFAVORABLE**

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **OPPOSES** SB 1063, which would prohibit the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) from adopting the Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II) regulations before vehicle model year 2030 and would further prohibit MDE from applying enforcement provisions to a vehicle manufacturer who fails to meet the minimum electric vehicle and plug-in hybrid vehicle delivery requirements of the program.

Maryland has set bold, but necessary, greenhouse gas reduction goals, and implementation of the ACC II regulations is an important step in meeting the challenge. The Maryland Climate Pathways report identifies the transportation sector as second only to energy in the production of greenhouse gas emissions. ACC II will substantially reduce air pollutants that threaten public health, especially in overburdened and underserved communities that are disproportionately exposed to vehicular pollution. Now is not the time to move backwards on our climate commitments.

CBF urges the Committee's UNFAVORABLE report on SB 1063.

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