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The Honorable Brian J. Feldman, Chairman
And Members of the Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
Senate of Maryland
Annapolis, Maryland

Re: SB 1063 – Environment – Advanced Clean Cars II Program – Application and Enforcement – FAVORABLE

Dear Chairman Feldman and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women strong support SB 1063 to:

- (1) Delay adoption of the California Advanced Clean Cars II Regulations to be effective until Vehicle Model Year 2030.
- (2) Prohibit the Department of the Environment from enforcing the penalty provisions of Subtitle 6 to a motor vehicle manufacturer for failing to meet the minimum electric vehicle delivery requirements under the California Advanced Clean Cars II Program for an applicable model year.

Maryland does not have sufficient electric charging infrastructure to charge all 4 million Maryland vehicles. Neither does California, who requires long-distance trucks to charge their vehicles at night. Forcing trucks to drive during the day increases traffic jams and adds to air pollution emissions. Recently, snow storms in Michigan stalled many electric vehicles because their batteries lost power more quickly due to the cold temperatures. Public charging stations were inoperable, people were stranded and cars had to be towed.

While some Marylanders have bought hybrid vehicles and all-electric vehicles, they are not the best option for every Marylander. The Advanced Clean Cars II Act will restrict Maryland citizens' choices and require them to purchase only electric vehicles. Delaying the requirement to 2030 will at least allow time for building public charging infrastructure to accommodate vehicles across the state.

Penalizing Motor Vehicle Manufacturers or Automobile Dealers for not selling enough electric cars is unfair, unreasonable, and bad policy. It is unfair because the Dealer or the Manufacturer cannot dictate to the customer what vehicle to purchase. It is unreasonable because the customer won't buy products they don't think fit their needs, desires, and pocketbook. You will go out of business and your employees will be without jobs. It is bad policy because it takes away the right of the citizen to decide what vehicle is best for him or her and their family and hurts business and employment opportunities.

SB 1068 puts in place a reasonable compromise. Please give SB 1063 a FAVORABLE report.

Sincerely,
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