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TO: House Environment & Transportation and Economic Matters Committees

FROM: Mid-Atlantic Petroleum Distributors Association

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RE: **HOUSE BILL 1247** – Environment – Advanced Clean Cars II Program – Application and Enforcement

On behalf of Maryland’s energy marketers and fuel distributors, MAPDA urges the committee to issue a favorable committee report on HB1247.

This legislation prohibits the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) from adopting California’s Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II) program prior to motor vehicle model year 2030. It also prohibits MDE from applying the penalty provisions associated with the program on motor vehicle manufacturers.

The Maryland Clean Cars Act of 2007 tied the state to California’s Clean Car Program in perpetuity. At the time, that program did *not* include a ban on the sale of gas-powered vehicles. But as the California Air Resources Board (CARB) changed its program over the years, Maryland was also required, by law, to adopt those changes in full.

With the adoption of the ACC II program, all new cars and light trucks sold in Maryland must be zero-emission vehicles by model year 2035. As MAPDA has noted in other bills and regulations, including MDE’s public hearing on ACC II, Maryland does not have the infrastructure to take on the electrification of the transportation sector as set forth in this program. Further, [auto manufacturers have already begun to reassess their commitments to an all-electric fleet](#) as consumer habits are dictating the car market.

The upshot is the motoring public is not ready to adopt ACC II meaning gas-powered cars will still be the predominant vehicle on the road for years to come. Our members are ready to meet that demand. HB1247 is a commonsense approach to what the public is telling us.

For these reasons, MAPDA respectfully requests a favorable committee report on HB1247.

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