



Testimony Opposing HB1247

Advanced Clean Cars II Program – Application and Enforcement

Environment, Transportation, and Economic Matters Committee

Friday, March 8, 2024

Position: OPPOSE

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Committee,

My name is Sonia Demiray, I am the co-founder of the Climate Communications Coalition, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Justice Coalition, the Climate Forests Campaign, Eastern Forests Advocacy Group – among others-, and a resident of Frederick County.

Our group opposes the Application and Enforcement Changes which would delay important climate-action that is currently required in the Advanced Clean Cars II Program (AACII). Maryland's number one source of emissions is transportation. The AACII will substantially reduce air pollutants that threaten public health and cause climate change, by simply building on existing Clean Car Programs. As intended, AACII would require manufactures to continuously increase the share of electric and hybrid vehicles they manufacture to reach 100% of passenger car and light truck sales in model year 2035. While further developing the zero-emission vehicle market, the regulations would provide public health benefits over the life of the regulations by reducing premature deaths, hospitalizations and lost workdays associated with exposure to air pollution.

HB1247 would postpone the start of all these important measures until 2030 and, once again, kick the can down the road.

We cannot continue to delay real action – climate change is here now. We urge you to vote unfavorably on HB1247 and leave the AACII as it stands now, as was intended.

Thank you.

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