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The Honorable Marc Korman, Chairman
and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee
Maryland House of Delegates
Annapolis, Maryland

RE: **HB1556** – Environment – Advanced Clean Cars II Program and Advanced Clean Trucks
Regulation – Application and Enforcement – **FAVORABLE**

Dear Chairman Korman and Committee Members,

The Maryland Federation of Republican Women supports HB1556 as a practical modification to the requirements and penalty enforcement of the Advanced Clean Cars II Program and Advanced Clean Trucks Regulations for years 2027 and 2028.

Current program requirements are not attainable in the timeframes in current law. It will take time for the public to gain confidence in this new technology and for the State to achieve sufficient electric capacity and charging infrastructure.

Electric vehicles are still very new technology. An adequate charging infrastructure is lacking in Maryland. People are concerned about the distance electric vehicles can travel before requiring a recharge and the time required for recharging. The possibility of EV batteries catching fire or exploding raises additional concerns.

Imposing legal and financial penalties on auto and truck dealers when they don't meet sales targets imposed by the programs is unfair, unjust, and unwise. An inadequate and/or inconvenient vehicle charging infrastructure is not the fault of vehicle manufacturers or dealers. Neither are they responsible for the State's deficit in electric generation and transmission capacity.

We urge your **FAVORABLE** vote for **HB1556**.

Sincerely,
Ella Ennis
Legislative Chairman