



Transportation Alliance

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**Testimony on HB 1556 –
*Changes to the Application and Enforcement of the Advanced Clean Cars II
Program and Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation –
Environment & Transportation Committee***

Position: Oppose

The Central Maryland Transportation Alliance recommends an unfavorable report for HB 1556 which delays by two years the effective dates of the Advanced Clean Car II and Advanced Clean Trucks rules.

Marylanders are being harmed now. Ground level ozone and other pollutants damage the lungs, contributing to higher asthma rates and emergency room admissions. The Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean Trucks rules will significantly reduce Nitrous Oxide (NO_x) emissions, a precursor to forming ground level ozone, from Maryland's on-road vehicles. There is an urgent need to stay the course and let the rules take effect as scheduled.

Maryland did not act alone when it adopted the rules. California, Massachusetts, Oregon, Washington, Colorado, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, Vermont, Maine, Rhode Island, Virginia, Connecticut, and Minnesota have adopted the Advanced Clean Car II rule or are in the process of doing so. California, Oregon, Washington, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts have adopted the Advanced Clean Trucks rule and many others have expressed an intention to do so.

We look to our elected leaders in the Environment & Transportation Committee to stand strong and reduce the harm to Marylanders without further delay.

We encourage an UNFAVORABLE report for House Bill 1556.