



HB1556

Environment - Advanced Clean Cars II Program and Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation - Application and Enforcement

Testimony before House Environment & Transportation Committee
March 12, 2025

Position: Unfavorable

Chair Korman, Vice Chair Boyce, and members of the committee, my name is Peter Alexander, and I represent the 900+ members of Indivisible Howard County. Indivisible Howard County is an active member of the Maryland Legislative Coalition (with 30,000+ members). We are providing written testimony today in **opposition to HB1556.**

[The Advanced Clean Cars II](#) and [Advanced Clean Trucks rules](#) were adopted in 2023 based on laws passed by the Maryland General Assembly. These rules require vehicle manufacturers to sell an increasing annual percentage of zero-emission cars, school buses, delivery vans, and trucks in the state. The Maryland Department of Environment has stated in a hearing earlier this session "that the Advanced Clean Cars II is our **single largest existing climate pollution reduction strategy over the long term.**" The clean cars and trucks rules will significantly cut air pollution, reduce respiratory illnesses, and save lives.

HB1556 would delay enforcement of the Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean trucks rules for two years. Any delay risks Maryland's participation in these programs all together and delays significant progress toward Maryland's clean environment goals.

We respectfully urge an unfavorable committee report.

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