



Committee: Environment and Transportation
Testimony on: HB1556 - Advanced Clean Cars II Program and Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation - Application and Enforcement
Submitting: Dave Arndt
Position: Unfavorable
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Dear Chair and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing our testimony today on HB1556. The Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing, a statewide coalition of nearly 30 grassroots and professional organizations, respectfully urges you to vote unfavorably on 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 would 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.

With the Trump Administration cutting funds and gutting climate programs, we look to our state leaders to stand strong and double down on our climate commitments. We see no reason for delaying enforcement of the Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean trucks rules for two years. Any delay risks Maryland's participation in these programs altogether. In addition, other states are already implementing these rules in 2025. Why would Maryland choose to go backwards like the Trump Administration rather than forward like other strong climate-minded states.

This bill could put Marylanders and the environment at risk without any apparent benefit. For all these reasons, we strongly urge an **UNFAVORABLE** report on HB1556 in Committee.

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