

Bill: HB1556

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

Position: **Unfavorable**

Members of the House Environment and Transportation Committee,

I'm writing this as a personal appeal from a simple Maryland homeowner. We live in a car dependent society – where alternatives to driving are few, and rarely sufficient and comfortable. I understand, as someone who has lived with and without a personal vehicle, why there would be a desire to relax regulations regarding forward thinking emissions and efficiency regulations like these – they correspond to an immediate cost increase for vehicles, because the regulations require they be *better* than they are.

But that is a critical function of government. To put ones proverbial foot down when things are bad, and require they be better. These regulations stand to help mitigate the disastrous climate impacts of our car dependent lifestyles, if even to a small degree. They are but a nudge on the needle, but it is in the right direction. A motion to delay adoption is just reflective of the pressure placed on all of us when needles like these are nudged. But a course correction is absolutely needed, both from this legislation and more in the future.

Climate change mitigation will not always be comfortable. But it is always right to do, if we are a responsible people who wish to be stewards of our planet that our grandchildren's grandchild don't need to look back on with disdain for our shortsightedness in pursuit of the comfort of not having to nudge that needle.

So as a simple Maryland resident, please do not back down from the efforts put in to get these regulations in effect in the first place. These debates were had when the Clean Cars Standards were first drafted and voted for over the preceeding years. This bill is just the natural push back from the immency of the needle being nudged, but now that we are on that precipice we must commit to seeing it through.

Thank you for your consideration and the hard work of the entirety of the assembly,

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