

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

Thank you for allowing our testimony today in opposition of HB1556. I urge 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.

There is no justification of why we need to 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. Other states are already implementing these rules in 2025, what happen to Maryland being a leader? This bill that could put Marylanders and the environment at risk without any apparent benefit.

For all of these reasons, I strongly oppose HB1556 and urge a **UNFAVORABLE** report in Committee.

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