



Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland

Testimony in opposition to HB 1556 - Environment - Advanced Clean Cars II Program and Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation - Application and Enforcement

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Committee
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The Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry of Maryland (UULM-MD) strongly opposes **HB 1556 -Environment - Advanced Clean Cars II Program and Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation - Application and Enforcement**, which would delay implementation of the **Advanced Clean Cars II Program and Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation** by 2 years.

The UULM-MD is a faith-based advocacy organization based on Unitarian Universalist (UU) Values, including Interdependence (honoring the interdependent web of all existence) and Justice (where all feel welcome and can thrive). Working to mitigate, adapt to, and build resilience for climate change is central to our beliefs.

The Maryland State Legislature has an admirable record of advancing climate affirming legislation. 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.

Delaying implementation of these rules would be a huge step backwards and seriously weaken our state's ability to meet the law mandating carbon neutrality by 2045.

We urge a UNFAVORABLE report on **HB 1556**..

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