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House Environment and Transportation Committee
250-251 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401 - 1991

**OPPOSE: HB1556 - Environment - Advanced Clean Cars II Program
and Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation - Application and
Enforcement**

Bikemore, Baltimore City's livable streets advocacy organization, is writing in strong opposition to HB1556.

Bikemore represents 8000 regularly engaged constituents in the Baltimore area and the 30% of residents in the city that lack access to a car and rely on walking, biking, and public transit to get to their life needs.

There is no market, policy, or science driven reason to delay implementation of Advanced Clean Cars II or the Advanced Clean Truck programs. Other states with far larger automobile markets are moving forward with these programs and manufacturers and dealers will be forced to adjust and comply with these programs unless we open the door to deregulation now.

These groups are targeting Maryland, hoping we will cave, and giving a precedent that will lead to a rout of other legislation across the country and empowerment of Republican voices in Washington that are aiming to overturn and ban these regulations across the country.

Air pollution related deaths in Baltimore City outpace deaths related to gun violence. The transportation sector is the largest source of these emissions in our region. Our state has chosen to invest in expanding car infrastructure instead of transit in our region for the past 30 years. This has placed us in a position where the only path to quickly addressing air pollution related deaths is regulation of automobiles through these programs.

A vote for this legislation is a vote for putting the profit of automobile manufacturers and dealers over the lives of vulnerable Baltimoreans, who will experience increased disease and death as a result of implementation delay.

Sincerely,

Jed Weeks
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