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House Bill 1556

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

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To: Environment and Transportation Committee	From: Matt Stegman, MD Staff Attorney

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation **OPPOSES** House Bill 1556, which would prohibit the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) from applying penalty and enforcement provisions for failing to meet any requirements under the California Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II) Program or the Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulation for the vehicle model years 2027 and 2028.

Maryland has set bold, but necessary, greenhouse gas reduction goals, and implementation of the ACC II and ACT regulations is an important step in meeting the challenge. The Maryland Climate Pathways report identifies the transportation sector as second only to energy in the production of greenhouse gas emissions. ACC II and ACT will substantially reduce air pollutants that threaten public health, especially in overburdened and underserved communities that are disproportionately exposed to vehicular pollution. Now is not the time to move backwards on our climate commitments.

CBF urges the Committee's UNFAVORABLE report on HB 1556.

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