



Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

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To: Senate Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Opposition of SB 687 - Department of the Environment – Zero-Emission Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicles – Regulations (Zero-Emission Truck Act of 2022)**

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony opposing SB 687. This bill requires the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations on or before December 1, 2022, establishing requirements for the sale of new zero-emission medium and heavy-duty vehicles in the State. Heavy-duty vehicles are those that are rated over 26,000 pounds and medium are those rated at 10,001 to 26,000 pounds.

The challenge with this ambitious initiative is that the medium and heavy-duty truck market is nowhere near the light duty vehicle market. Currently, most options are in a concept phase. This bill pushes a market that is not ready yet. We don't see this bill effecting farm equipment but would affect road trucks used to haul commodities to and from the farm.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU RESPECTFULLY OPPOSES SB 687

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Colby Ferguson'.

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