

Maryland-Delaware Solid Waste Association

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TO: The Honorable Kumar P. Barve, Chair
Members, House Environment and Transportation Committee
The Honorable Sara Love

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DATE: February 25, 2022

RE: **OPPOSE** – House Bill 829 – *Department of the Environment – Zero-Emission Medium and Heavy Duty Vehicles – Regulations (Zero-Emission Truck Act of 2022)*

The Maryland Delaware Solid Waste Association (MDSWA), a chapter of the National Waste and Recycling Association, is a trade association representing the private solid waste industry in the State of Maryland. Its membership includes hauling and collection companies, processing and recycling facilities, transfer stations, and disposal facilities. MDSWA and its members **oppose** House Bill 829.

While MDSWA recognizes the need to continue to address greenhouse gas emissions, the requirements for electric trucks reflected in House Bill 829 are not achievable under the mandates reflected in this legislation. While MDSWA members have made significant investments in transitioning to alternative fuels to address the need to lower emissions, the electrification of waste collection vehicles is still in its infancy from a technological standpoint as the mechanics of a waste collection vehicle are more complex than many other medium and heavy-duty vehicles which also have electrification challenges. It will be virtually impossible for the waste and recycling collection vehicles to comply with these requirements and therefore MDSWA requests an unfavorable report.

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