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To: Senate Education, Energy & the Environment Committee

From: Maryland Farm Bureau, Inc.

Re: **Opposition of SB 224 - Department of the Environment - Zero-Emission Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles - Regulations (Clean Trucks Act of 2023)**

On behalf of our member families, I submit this written testimony opposing SB 224. This bill requires the state, by December 1, 2023, to enact the California Air Resources Board's vehicle standards which establishes the requirements for the sale of new zero-emission medium and heavy-duty vehicles in the State.

Since these standards do not include any requirements for implementing the needed charging infrastructure to meet this new demand, the industry will be at the mercy of truck stops and rest areas to offer charging options. Currently, there are no initiatives or programs being made available for the necessary charging infrastructure to be able to meet this sales mandate. Until proper charging infrastructure is in the pipeline to be built, the state should not move forward with these types of sales mandates. Medium and heavy-duty trucks require significantly more vehicle miles traveled than the typical light duty electric vehicle. Therefore, expecting the same implementation as the passenger vehicle is not realistic and shouldn't be required.

Agriculture is affected as farmers need to move their crops, livestock, poultry, and ag products from the farm to the processing facilities. This requires travel on highways, which would make farm trucks meet the zero emission restrictions required under this proposed law.

MARYLAND FARM BUREAU RESPECTFULLY OPPOSES SB 224

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