

**Support** for SB 224 - Clean Trucks Act of 2023

Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

Position: Favorable

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 224, Clean Trucks Act of 2023. Please accept this testimony on behalf of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, the leading organization advocating for walkable, bikeable, inclusive, transit-oriented communities as the most sustainable and equitable way for the Washington, DC region to grow and provide opportunities for all. We work extensively in Suburban Maryland, focused in Montgomery and Prince George's County.

We would like to express our support for SB 224, which will implement the Advanced Clean Truck Rule. The rule requires that vehicle manufacturers sell an increasing percentage of new zero-emission trucks and school buses through 2035. By requiring the electrification of school buses and large pickup, delivery, drayage, and semi-trucks, the Advanced Clean Truck Rule is a critical tool in the effort to combat toxic air pollution that makes us sick and contributes to climate change.

Trucks and other large vehicles account for an outsized share of carbon and particulate matter pollution thus controlling damaging emissions from these sources is essential to stepping up our efforts to clean the air to protect public health, and address climate change.

We ask that the committee give this bill a favorable report.

Thank you for your consideration.