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## **SB224: Department of the Environment – Zero–Emission Medium– and Heavy–Duty Vehicles – Regulations (Clean Trucks Act of 2023)**

My name is Robert Phillips and I am the Legislative Committee Chairman for the Maryland State Firefighters Association (MSFA)

I wish to present testimony in opposition to **Senate Bill 224: Department of the Environment – Zero–Emission Medium– and Heavy–Duty Vehicles – Regulations (Clean Trucks Act of 2023)**

This bill could create an issue for the fire service. As of this time there is work being done to develop zero emission vehicles for the fire service but with only a few in service or still being tested we do not feel there is enough information at this time to develop proper guidelines. If the fire service were to be exempted until such time as there is sufficient equipment available then re-visit the inclusion of the fire service we could support this bill.

I thank the committee for their time and attention to this important bill and ask that you vote in opposition to Senate Bill 224.

I will now be glad to answer any questions, or my contact information is listed above