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**TO: EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL
COMMITTEE**

FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS

**RE: S.B. 224 – ZERO – EMISSION MEDIUM – AND HEAVY-DUTY
VEHICLES REGULATIONS (CLEAN TRUCKS ACT OF 2023)**

POSITION: OPPOSE

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) opposes S.B. 224 which is before you today for consideration. This bill would require the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations on or before December 1, 2023, establishing requirements for the sale of new zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in the State, defining a "heavy-duty vehicle" as one with a gross vehicle weight rating equal to or greater than 14,001 pounds.

The California Advance Clean Truck rule would have an adverse fiscal impact on our businesses that depend on medium and heavy-duty vehicles in their daily operations. Compared to conventional trucks, zero-emission trucks are generally more expensive to purchase. If passed by the legislature, it would be beneficial to our members to have a program that would incentivize companies to purchase zero-emission vehicles, when the time comes to phase out their older fleet of trucks.

Currently, there is little to no infrastructure set up to handle the transmission and distribution demands that are required by the California Advance Clean Truck rules. It is ABC's belief that a study should be conducted to fully understand the state's current grid capacity, the number of recharging stations that will be needed statewide, and the fiscal impact that it will have on small businesses that operate medium to heavy duty vehicles, particularly in the construction industry.

On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC business members in Maryland, we respectfully request an unfavorable report on S.B. 224, as written.

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