



February 1, 2023

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve
Chair of the House Environment and Transportation Committee
Delegate, Maryland General Assembly
Taylor House Office Building, Room 251
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support for HB 230, Department of the Environment - Zero-Emission Medium- and Heavy-Duty Vehicles - Regulations (Clean Trucks Act of 2023)

Dear Delegate Barve:

On behalf of the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), I am writing in support of HB 230, which requires the Maryland Department of the Environment to adopt regulations on or before December 1, 2023, that establish requirements for the sale of new zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles in the State of Maryland.

Climate change is a regional priority for COG, the association of local governments in metropolitan Washington. Medium- and heavy-duty vehicles are responsible for 27 percent of transportation emissions and 10 percent of total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in metropolitan Washington. Electrification of the vehicle fleet is one of the highest impact strategies for reducing GHG emissions between now and 2030. Local policies and programs to accelerate the adoption of zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, such as those required by HB 230, have the potential to significantly reduce emissions. As such, COG supports the adoption of these zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles requirements.

Please contact Jeffrey King, COG Director of Climate, Energy, and Air Programs at (202) 962-3238 or jking@mwkog.org if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Takis Karantonis' with a horizontal line underneath.

Takis Karantonis
Chair, Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee

cc: Honorable Dana M. Stein
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