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**Testimony on SB 224/HB 230**

***Clean Trucks Act of 2023***

**Position: Favorable**

Dave Arndt of Baltimore MD supports SB 224/HB 230

Hello,

I live in Baltimore where we have several interstates, port facilities and large distribution warehouses.

Areas with the most truck traffic have a higher rate of asthma and a lower lifespan, by up to 15 years, than the other residents of Baltimore who live away from these diesel generating sources.

This proposed legislation would require that the Maryland Department of Environment adopt the Advanced Clean Truck rule. This rule requires that vehicle manufacturers sell an increasing annual percentage of medium and heavy-duty vehicles including pickup, delivery, and semi-trucks as well as school buses. These vehicles represent 10% of vehicles on the road but disproportionately contribute to 30% of carbon emissions, 45% of toxic nitrogen oxide emissions, and 57% of health harming particulate matter emitted by the entire transportation sector in the US.

Maryland first adopted California's clean car standards for personal vehicle electrification through legislative action in 2007. Maryland has the opportunity to enact similar standards again and clean up large dirty diesel vehicles that continue to harm our health and exacerbate climate change. This will save lives and increase the quality of life for thousands of Maryland residents. Let's not leave anybody behind.

I encourage a FAVORABLE report for this important legislation.

Thank you,

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