



WMDA/CAR Service Station  
and Automotive Repair Association

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Chair: Kumar P. Barve

Members of Environment and Transportation Committee

RE:HB550 Environment- Climate Crisis Plan-Requirements

Position: Unfavorable

This unfunded mandate to vehicle owners who haul our goods and products makes one scratch their head. How many trucks will \$1,000,000 support with grants? Not many when they are double the cost of conventional powered truck. Incentive funding is totally inadequate for funding for zero-emission trucks and support systems.

There is no charging infrastructure, it seems we are in the old chicken and the egg argument. If trucks come first, then we limit what type of truck can be bought and have a reasonable expectation of making it back to home charging port each day. This dictates locale delivery trucks.

10 trucks, 10 chargers, will Maryland power grid support this type of operation x multiple companies?

All this cost comes back to the consumer in increased consumer goods pricing and higher energy costs.

Please give HB 550 an Unfavorable report

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