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House Bill 487

Environment – Low Emissions Vehicle Program – Prohibition
(Affordable Emissions Standards Act of 2023)

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Position: Oppose

To: House Environment and Transportation Committee

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) **OPPOSES** HB 487 which blocks the adoption of California Air Standards for vehicle emissions as an emergency bill.

As transportation remains one of the largest sectors of greenhouse gas emissions and Maryland has already agreed to update emissions standards, along with many other states, to phase down emissions as people replace their cars, HB 487 would be a step in the wrong direction. Vehicle emissions standard upgrades not only have a greenhouse gas benefit, but also improve human health from harmful pollutants such as PM 2.5 particulate matter responsible for asthma and other respiratory ailments.

CBF urges the Committee's UNFAVORABLE report on HB 487.

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