



HEARING DATE: March 11, 2025

BILL NO/TITLE: HB1258: Consumer Goods - Restrictions Based on Energy Source - Prohibition (Energy Equality Act of 2025)

COMMITTEE: House Environment & Transportation

POSITION: Support with Amendment

Maryland Motor Truck Association (MMTA) members are deeply committed to supporting clean energy and emissions reductions from the transportation sector. We worked cooperatively with stakeholders to ultimately support passage of the Advance Clean Trucks Rule (ACT) in 2023, with a required needs assessment that was to have been completed by December 1, 2024. That assessment, which is now delayed to late 2025, is evaluating grid capacity, charging infrastructure, cost, availability, and other essential components to support the ACT's implementation and create a realistic pathway for zero emission truck adoption in Maryland.

MMTA appreciates the sponsor's recognition of the significant hurdles that must be overcome before the sales mandates required by the ACT can be met. We also know there is tremendous uncertainty about the future of zero emission vehicle programs given the recent actions by the Federal government; however, in lieu of an outright ban as required in HB1258, the Association supports amending this legislation similar to the proposal in HB1556, which would prevent any fines or penalties from being assessed on manufacturers that do not meet the sales targets required for MY2027 and MY2028. This approach allows for continued progression of the program in the state, without the fear of fines or inventory restrictions, as the infrastructure and market for zero emission trucks continues to ramp up and develop.

About Maryland Motor Truck Association: Maryland Motor Truck Association is a non-profit trade association that has represented the trucking industry since 1935. In service to its 1,000 members, MMTA is committed to support, advocate and educate for a safe, efficient and profitable trucking industry in Maryland.

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