

Testimony For HB1258

Honorable Delegates

I support

- Prohibiting a local government or unit of State government from restricting the sale, purchase, or use of a certain consumer good solely on the basis of the energy source used to power the consumer good;
- repealing provisions of law requiring the Department of the Environment to establish and maintain a certain low emissions vehicle program;
- repealing provisions of law requiring the Department to establish requirements for the sale of new zero-emission medium- and heavy-duty vehicles; and
- applying the Act retroactively. .

I fully support this bill. I believe the efforts to ban gasoline powered vehicles and tools is short-sided and uneconomical. The grid will not be ready to support everyone having an electrical car by the proposed target date, and I am unsure that electric trucks will be able to do all the duties that fossil-fuel based trucks can do.

Similarly, electric tools are okay for small jobs and small yards. However, some yard work, especially in rural areas, requires more powerful tools and tools that can last longer without needing recharging.

Please enter a favorable report for HB1258.

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