



Transportation Alliance

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Testimony on HB 1258 – *Energy Equality Act of 2025* – Environment & Transportation Committee

Position: Unfavorable

The Central Maryland Transportation Alliance opposes HB 1258, specifically the provisions of the bill that remove Maryland from participating in the Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean Trucks programs. In 2023, as required by law, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) adopted the Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean Trucks regulations. These regulations require vehicle manufacturers to sell an increasing percentage of zero-emission passenger cars, school buses, trucks, and delivery vans from Model Year 2027 through 2035.

Transportation is the largest source of climate-damaging greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and a leading source of toxic air pollution that is hazardous to human health. Gasoline-fueled vehicles account for 76% of GHG emissions from the on-road transportation sector, as indicated in Maryland's 2020 Greenhouse Gas Inventory. MDE's Climate Pollution Reduction Plan notes that the Advanced Clean Cars II and Advanced Clean Cars Trucks programs are key policies that are needed for Maryland to meet its climate targets.

Maryland's exit from the clean cars and clean trucks program would unnecessarily harm public health, significantly impede progress on achieving our climate goals, undo a decades-long legislative and regulatory process to reduce air pollution from Maryland vehicles, and erode consumer choice for more sustainable EVs.

We encourage an UNFAVORABLE report for House Bill 1258.