



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION

House Bill 673

Consumer Goods - Restrictions Based on Energy Source - Prohibition (Energy Equality Act of 2025)

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To: Environment and Transportation Committee

Position: UNFAVORABLE

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The Chesapeake Bay Foundation **OPPOSES House Bill 673**, which would prohibit a local government or unit of State government from restricting the sale, purchase, or use of a consumer good based on the energy source used to power the product. This bill is a direct effort to repeal Maryland's participation in the Clean Cars II vehicle emission standards.

Maryland has set bold, but necessary, greenhouse gas reduction goals, and implementation of the ACC II regulations is an important step in meeting the challenge. The Maryland Climate Pathways report identifies the transportation sector as second only to energy in the production of greenhouse gas emissions. ACC II will substantially reduce air pollutants that threaten public health, especially in overburdened and underserved communities that are disproportionately exposed to vehicular pollution. Now is not the time to move backwards on our climate commitments.

CBF urges the Committee's UNFAVORABLE report on HB 673.

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