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TESTIMONY ON SB#/0106- POSITION: UNFAVORABLE

Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program – Repeal

TO: Chair Smith, Jr., Vice Chair Waldstreicher, and members of the Judicial Proceedings Committee

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My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to SB#/0106, **Vehicle Laws - Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program – Repeal**

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration reports ¹

According to the state of Maryland, the pass rate isn't over 95%, but it's awfully close. A statement from the state's Motor Vehicle Administration said last year, 7.3% of vehicle failed their emissions tests, which would be a 92.7% pass rate. In 2022, 2023, and through September of this year, the fail rate has been around 6%.

So why keep it around? From the MVA's perspective, the state has a requirement for it.

"In Maryland, vehicle emissions testing is mandated under the federal Clean Air Act (CAA). ground-level ozone air pollution as established in the CAA," according to a statement provided to WTOP.

As of 2025, there are approximately **4.91 million** vehicles registered in Maryland, based on data indicating a rate of roughly 0.795 vehicles per person. While specific total, end-of-year 2025 registration figures are still being finalized by the [Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration](#), current data shows 94,900 electric vehicles and 191,800 hybrid electric vehicles registered in the state. Thus 7.3% of 4.91 million says 358,430 cars are contributing to air pollution in Maryland.

Until the eventual move to better pollution controls on all cars through adoption of electric vehicles and better pollution controls, we must continue to identify cars that need to have emissions controls placed on them.

I respectfully urge this committee to return an unfavorable report on SB#/0106.

¹ <https://wtop.com/maryland/2025/10/md-lawmaker-says-its-time-to-scrap-vehicle-emissions-test/>