



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

September 14, 2022

The Honorable Larry Hogan  
Governor of Maryland  
100 State Circle  
Annapolis, MD 21041

**RE: Emergency Implementation of Advance Clean Cars II regulation**

Governor Hogan:

On behalf of myself and the undersigned Maryland elected officials, I urge you to issue an emergency adoption of the Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCII) regulation by the end of calendar year 2022. We ask this with the understanding that these regulations are **our best opportunity to date to significantly mitigate the nation's leading source of dangerous air and climate pollutants and reduce the State's reliance on costly, volatile fossil fuels.**

Under Section 177 of the Federal Clean Air Act, states can adopt the California's existing emission standards. In 2007, Maryland passed into law the *Clean Cars* program which requires the State to adopt and maintain California's emissions standards and maintain updates as they occur.

On August 25, 2022, the California Air Resources Board [approved the Advanced Clean Cars II standard](#) which requires that 100% of new cars and light trucks sold in the state will be zero-emission vehicles encompassing plug-in hybrid electric vehicles as well. Additionally, the standard includes provisions that enhance equity in the transition to zero-emission vehicles and provides certainty for consumers regarding the long-term emission benefits, quality, and durability of these clean cars and trucks and their batteries.

The Delegates and I know the State is required to adopt this new standard but **we urge you take action as soon as possible** to start reaping the benefits of cleaner air and an economy that is less reliant on fossil fuels.

Among these are benefits that affect low-income communities and communities of color which, [having suffered generations of systematic marginalization](#), bear an especially unfair burden of fuel costs and [harmful pollution](#). The ACC II rule in Maryland will further incentivize car manufacturers to accelerate production of pollution-free cars and, ultimately, get more of them into frontline communities. This will be **an important step in reducing the costly health impacts** of noxious emissions.

The original Advanced Clean Cars program ends in 2025. Without standards in place in 2026 and beyond, Maryland will lose out on critical policies to reduce transportation emissions and will have decreased access to electric vehicle inventory in a global market.

The Advanced Clean Cars II program is a common-sense tool to cut climate and air pollution in our State. Adoption of this program is consistent with the goals of *the Climate Solutions Now Act of 2022*, The Maryland Department of Environment Mitigation Working Group's May 2022 [presentation](#) indicated that achieving our goal of 60% emissions reductions by 2031 could very well require that 100% of light-duty vehicle sales be zero emission by 2035.

The devastating effects of global warming are here now. We ask for your bold action to match this moment of crisis and in so doing create a healthier, more just and vibrant economic future for Maryland.

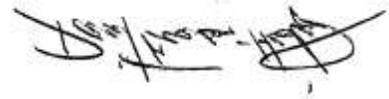
Sincerely,



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