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**Testimony on HB 829**  
***Zero-Emission Truck Act of 2022***  
Environment & Transportation

**Position: Favorable**

Greater Baybrook Alliance supports HB 829.

This proposed legislation would require that the Maryland Department of Environment adopt the Advanced Clean Truck rule by December 1, 2022. This rule requires that vehicle manufacturers sell an increasing annual percentage of medium and heavy-duty vehicles including pickup, delivery, and semi-trucks as well as school buses between Model Year 2026 (for states that adopt in 2022) and 2035. These vehicles represent 10% of vehicles on the road but disproportionately contribute to 30% of carbon emissions, 45% of toxic nitrogen oxide emissions, and 57% of health-harming particulate matter emitted by the entire transportation sector in the US.

Brooklyn, Brooklyn Park, and Curtis Bay are disproportionately impacted by truck traffic in our residential neighborhoods. Hanover St - a main street with a mix of residences and local businesses - is clogged with trucks. It makes it dangerous for pedestrians and creates yet another hardship for our local businesses to stay and thrive. For example, we hosted an outdoor concert on a Sunday morning to create a covid-friendly community event that would also spur support for local businesses. Our concert was well attended, but residents had a difficult time enjoying the event with loud trucks whizzing by every few minutes, emitting pollution and noise. This is a constant hassle for families who live here and need to walk to the school, library, and other neighborhood spots every day.

Under Section 177 of the Clean Air Act, states other than California are not allowed to set their own emissions standards. However, states can choose to follow and adopt vehicle standards that California has enacted. Maryland first adopted California's clean car standards for personal vehicle electrification through legislative action in 2007. Maryland has the opportunity to enact similar standards again and clean up large dirty diesel vehicles that continue to harm our health and exacerbate climate change.

This legislation would help Maryland follow through on its commitment for 30% of all medium and heavy duty vehicles sales to be electric by 2030 and could create high quality green jobs in the process. Maryland would also be included in the growing number of states adopting the Advanced Clean Truck Rule, including California, Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Washington, and Oregon.

We encourage a FAVORABLE report for this important legislation.