

January 21, 2025

The Honorable Wes Moore
Governor, State of Maryland
State House
Annapolis, MD 21401



RE: Abandon California Advanced Clean Cars 11 (CACC 11)

Dear Governor Moore,

We write with deep concerns regarding Maryland's continued participation in the California Advanced Clean Cars (CACC) 11 Zero-Emission Vehicle program. It is time for decisive action: not merely delays or half-measures, but a complete withdrawal from this misguided mandate. Marylanders deserve the freedom to choose vehicles that meet their needs, and our state's auto dealers deserve the assurance that unworkable policies will not jeopardize their livelihoods.

Maryland has tethered itself to California's extreme environmental policies, and the consequences are becoming alarmingly clear. The 43% electric vehicle (EV) mandate for model year 2027 is wholly unrealistic. Achieving this would require dealerships to stock these vehicles in 18 months, even though fewer than 10% of Maryland's current vehicles are EVs—and that percentage is decreasing, not rising. Forcing dealers to stock inventory that most Marylanders cannot or will not buy is a recipe for economic harm, driving consumers to shop out of state.

Moreover, the state's charging infrastructure is inadequate to support such a dramatic shift. The federal government allocated \$7.5 billion in 2021 for a national electric charging program, yet only seven stations are operational after three years. How can Maryland expect its residents to transition to 43% EVs without the infrastructure to support them?

Delaying implementation, as you did in 2023, is not enough. After years of failed progress, it is time to acknowledge that these goals are unattainable and harmful to Maryland families and businesses. The California Car mandate was imposed during the O'Malley administration and has failed to deliver on its promises.

Let's be frank—this mandate represents an overreach of government authority and should be rescinded. It prioritizes ideology over practicality, burdening middle- and working-class families who cannot afford an EV automobile's high cost and lower functionality. Federal rebates are unlikely to continue, leaving families with even higher EV prices. Meanwhile, businesses reliant on new auto sales and auto dealerships will suffer irreparable harm.

Governor, you can correct this course with a simple pen stroke. Just as you issued the CACC 11 mandate in March 2023, you can reverse Maryland's participation and end this economic and logistical disaster before it is too late. Doing so will save Maryland families from unaffordable vehicle mandates, protect local businesses, and restore consumer choice.

We urge you to act swiftly and decisively. The people of Maryland are counting on your leadership to put their interests first, and we look forward to your action on the issue.

Sincerely,


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