



February 13, 2017

The Honorable Kumar P. Barve  
Environment and Transportation Committee  
Room 251, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: HB 11** – Vehicle Laws - Causing Diesel Emissions to Discharge Onto Another -  
Prohibition – **Oppose**

Dear Delegate Barve:

House Bill 11 prohibits a person from causing a diesel-powered motor vehicle to emit clearly visible smoke, soot, or other exhaust emissions onto another person or motor vehicle. This prohibition does not apply to a person operating any diesel powered vehicles that discharge visible exhaust as the result of normal acceleration or towing, a commercial vehicle with a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or more, or a construction vehicle operating at a construction site.

This bill attempts to prohibit “coal rolling” (the intentional removal of emissions control devices) which has been prohibited in New Jersey and has had proposed legislation introduced in other states. The state emissions inspections should not allow this condition to exist, and hence, render this bill unnecessary.

The Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, a business advocacy organization of over 560 members, opposes this bill and asks that you give it a unfavorable report

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mike McMullin'.

Mike McMullin  
President  
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

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Senator Justin Ready

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