

SUPPORT HB1965
Clean Cars Standards
Patron: Bagby

Reasons to Support

- Clean Car Standards will slash tailpipe pollution, benefitting public health (particularly in low income communities and communities of color) and the environment while reducing emissions driving climate change.
- HB1965 will also provide consumers with greater vehicle choices, reduce the costs of car ownership, and benefit Virginia's economy.

Overview

Transportation is the leading source of carbon pollution in Virginia—generating almost half of all carbon dioxide emissions—and produces many other pollutants that harm human health and the environment. These pollutants have a disproportionate impact on low income communities and communities of color. HB1965 calls for adopting Clean Car Standards beginning with Model Year 2025—the Low Emissions Vehicle (LEV) component requires manufacturers to reduce average emissions from their fleets over time, and the Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) component requires manufacturers to deliver an increasing percentage of electric vehicles (EVs) for sale in Virginia that have no tailpipe pollution. Even when pollution from power plants to charge EVs is factored in, these vehicles generate just one-third the carbon dioxide pollution of an average gas-powered car.

Over half of Virginians would consider buying an EV for their next car. Yet when they go to dealerships, they do not see the diversity of EV models that are available elsewhere in the country because manufacturers prioritize sending EVs to states that have adopted Clean Car Standards. Virginia needs to adopt the ZEV standards that 12 other states already have in place so that manufacturers will send more EVs to Virginia dealerships. This will both increase consumer choice and help keep jobs in Virginia as the transportation sector electrifies.



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