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	Subject	Council Bill 11-0328R – Informational Hearing- Air Pollution from Truck Traffic		

To: President and Members
of the City Council
c/o 409 City Hall

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The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) is pleased to have the opportunity to respond to Council Bill 11-0328R. The purpose of the bill is to invite representatives from the American Lung Association, ESP, the Department of Transportation and BCHD to appear before the Council to discuss truck traffic and its effect on health.

BCHD, unfortunately, does not have expertise on ambient air quality and does not have any regulatory authority over vehicle emissions. The Maryland State Department of Environment's Ambient Air Monitoring Program is responsible for measuring ground-level concentrations of criteria pollutants, air toxics, and meteorology. This program performs quality control, quality assurance, and analysis of the measurements and is also responsible for coordination of 3D airshed grid modeling, year-round daily air quality forecasts, and air quality index reporting.

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Comments

