



Testimony of  
**The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers**

Submitted to  
**The Environment Committee  
Connecticut General Assembly**

Regarding  
**House Bill 5129**

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On behalf of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers, thank you for the opportunity to comment on House Bill 5129. The Alliance is a trade association of twelve passenger car and light truck manufacturers including BMW Group, Chrysler Group LLC, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Company, Jaguar Land Rover, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz USA, Mitsubishi Motors, Porsche, Toyota, Volkswagen, and Volvo.

House Bill 5129 provides for the incorporation by reference any changes made by California to its Low Emission Vehicle (CA LEV) standards to Connecticut's existing CA LEV regulations. While the federal Clean Air Act requires states participating in CA LEV to maintain identical programs to California, the incorporation by reference of any substantive changes deprives interested parties in Connecticut the opportunity to review the rule amendment proposals and provide comment thereto.

Additionally, incorporation by reference deprives policy makers the opportunity to thoroughly review the state's participation in CA LEV when modifications occur and actively decide the state's continued commitment to the program.

The Alliance respectfully opposes the adoption of HB 5129 for these reasons and encourages committee members to oppose the bill. For additional information, please contact Laura Dooley at the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers.

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