



February 24, 2016

Hon. Ted Kennedy, Senate Co-Chair  
Hon. James Albis, House Co-Chair  
Committee on the Environment  
Legislative Office Building, Room 3200  
Hartford, CT 06106

**RE: Oppose House Bill 5314**

Dear Mr. Chairmen and Members of Committee:

On behalf of the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (Alliance), I am writing to you today to express our strong opposition to House Bill 5314, legislation allowing for the incorporation by reference in Connecticut statute any changes made by that State of California to its Low Emission Vehicle (CA LEV). The Alliance is a trade association representing 12 of the world's leading car and light truck manufacturers, including of BMW Group, FCA US LLC, Ford Motor Company, General Motors Company, Jaguar Land Rover, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz USA, Mitsubishi Motors, Porsche, Toyota, Volkswagen Group of America, and Volvo Cars. Together, Alliance members account for roughly three out of every four new vehicles sold in the United States each year.

As afforded by the federal Clean Air Act, Connecticut has previously opted to follow CA LEV regulations. Though the 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 policymakers 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.

It is for these reasons that the Alliance opposes the adoption of HB 5314, and respectfully requests the committee take no further action on the proposed bill.

Thank you for your consideration of the Alliance's position. Please do not hesitate to contact me, should I be able to provide any additional information.

Sincerely,

Wayne Weikel  
Senior Director, State Affairs