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Attorney General Frosh Files Opposition to EPA Proposal to Repeal Regulations on High-Polluting Trucks

BALTIMORE, MD (January 5, 2018) – Joining a coalition of 12 attorneys general, Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh today filed his strong opposition to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) proposal to repeal regulations that place strict emissions standards on highly polluting “glider” trucks. Known as the 2016 Glider Rule, the regulations mandate that most engines installed in “gliders” – new heavy-duty truck bodies outfitted with refurbished or rebuilt pre-2010 highly polluting engines – meet the same emissions standards applicable to all newly manufactured engines.

“Yet again, EPA Administrator Pruitt is showing his true colors – ignoring his legal obligation, and failing to protect the American people from environmental harm,” said Attorney General Frosh. “The Glider Rule was put into place to enforce vehicle emission standards, and helps create a more fair and balanced approach to enforcing those standards on the truck industry.”

Glider trucks that do not comply with the 2016 Glider Rule produce 20 to 40 times more emissions of hazardous pollutants that are linked to asthma, low birth weight, infant mortality, and lung cancer. The EPA has estimated that a single year in which it allowed 10,000 additional gliders to be produced with non-compliant engines could result in up to 1,600 premature deaths, 415,000 tons of additional nitrogen oxide emissions, and 6,800 tons of additional particulate matter emissions. In Maryland and elsewhere, the rest of the trucking industry has already made substantial investments to comply with stringent emissions standards and would face an uneven playing field if forced to continue to compete against unregulated glider manufacturers who avoid such investments.

Joining Attorney General Frosh in filing today’s comments were the attorneys general of California, Connecticut, Illinois, Massachusetts, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Washington.

A copy of the filed comments can be found here:

http://www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/news%20documents/Glider_Regs.pdf