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Comments on 2022-R-A-0011: Low Emission Vehicle Program

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I am for green energy and less pollution but I am against Delaware adopting the California Low Emission Vehicle program to require EV-only cars in Delaware by a certain date, in advance of all other states. I feel this is a political move, not one that makes sense for us. Delaware is a tiny state with less than a million people. Our impact on air pollution is accordingly small, versus the rest of the U.S. There is no real "win" to force Delawareans to adopt these standards earlier than other states. EV cars very expensive, have limited range, and unknown technical issues. Also, having more EV cars will require expensive upgrades to our electrical grid, which may be difficult for a small state with a small population to achieve, especially by a certain date. It is more sensible for us to be amongst the last states to require all EVs. Let the larger wealthier states do this first and we can follow, when they figure everything out. At least make sure all the surrounding states (MD, PA, NJ) require EVs before us. In the mean time, maybe give tax breaks to owners of EV and Hybrid cars?