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

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Comments:

I am opposed to the EV Mandate for the following reasons: 1) You bypassed the legislature and all elected officials by doing a regulation. You expect all citizens to bow down and accept a life changing regulation without question. Last time I checked, this was supposed to be a government of the people, by the people and for the people. Not, by the governor and for the governor. What are you afraid of? Why can you not let the people decide? 2) Why are you following California? Delaware is not California. We do not have their problems. If I wanted to live in California, I would have moved there. I DO NOT want CARB (California Air Resources Board) to have control over Delaware! You are violating our state's sovereignty by doing this. 3) The data used to support this is inconclusive. Moreover, why are we using a monitoring station that is 40 miles from Delaware (Bristol, PA) to decide what we as a state are going to do? The only time we did not meet Federal Air Quality Standards was because of wildfires in the western states that affected our air quality. Based on my investigation the DNREC Secretary could have sought relief by requesting an exemption from the EPA, but didn't. 4) EV vehicles are approximately \$17,000 more expensive than their gasoline counterparts. Plus, there is another \$2,000 required to have a charging station installed in your home. That is almost \$20,000! How do you expect Delaware residents with a median income of roughly \$68,000 to afford this kind of expense? 5) You plan on shuttering the Indian River Power Plant, now operating at 1/3 capacity. So, now the majority of our power must come from out of state. Therefore, we lose approximately 20% of that power in transmission. Then, another 10% in the conversion from AC to DC to charge these EV vehicles. You have clearly not thought this through. Power has to come from somewhere, and if we don't produce it here, then we have to buy it from somewhere. These vehicles like all vehicles must rely on a source of fuel that is both efficient and has good economic value. This solution does not!