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

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Comments:

Delaware is decades away from being able to handle an EV requirement. There is no way our power grid can handle the draw, especially with the ever increasing hot summers where AC is a necessity, especially for the elderly or disabled. California should be a good example of that. Why make the same mistake before we are ready. Major upgrades need to be made to our power infrastructure and someone needs to figure out where the 70% of the items that are made from fossil fuel and petroleum products will come from. Families who make \$150,000.00 or less each year are hardpressed right now to make ends meet, let alone being able to abandon their current vehicle to go EV. I know, I have a family of four and have looked into purchasing an EV for our next family vehicle. \$4000 to replace a headlight on a Tesla- ridiculous to think an average family could handle the maintenance costs, let alone the initial monthly payment. We just can't afford it with our monthly bills as well as one student finishing college and another starting in a few years. I see no reason why a mandate is being considered at this time other than to further a political agenda. I see no problem with incentives to those who want to be in on the ground floor if this movement, however, the large majority of Americans are priced out of this endeavor. Let those who want an EV and can afford it do it. Leave the rest of us an AFFORDABLE way to live and drive.