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

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Comments:

I wish to comment against the proposed regulation to not allow gasoline powered automobiles on the proposed date or by any other date, until such time as the technology can allow full charge of vehicle within 10 minutes from a 10% power state. The infrastructure to support charging EV's is unlikely to be in place for the general public's use for at least a decade. Secondly, long distance travel is also not feasible without for long durations of time at the limited locations for recharging EV's. This places an undue burden of costly time to reach a destination as well as potential extra cost in hotel/motel stays required in order to recharge the EV. Lastly, reviewing the cost differential between a gasoline powered automobile and a EV powered is a substantial cost and any proposed Federal subsidy is hampered by the rules in the IRA Federal legislation. My suggestion is to provide a tax incentive for buyers of PHEV's where the PHEV is capable of operating on Electric power alone for 40 miles before engaging the internal combustion engine. This would address the majority of the intention to reduce pollutants of such engines while insuring distance travel without undue burden to the traveler. It is my view that the proposed regulations are an infringement of the public's choice of automobile and should not be accepted.