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

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Comments:

I am against the Low Emission Vehicle Program. Right now the technology and infrastructure is not in place for electric vehicles to be used by a large population in Delaware. Maybe someday in the future it will be feasible but right now we have a long way to go. If electric vehicles are so great than why do they have to be mandated? Another concern is the value of the electric vehicles in the long term. When the battery needs to be replaced after 10 or so years it is going to cost more than the car is worth. And the electricity to power all these vehicles needs to be produced by some source of energy, ie coal, natural gas, etc. Electricity just doesn't appear out of thin air. The trade off between producing electricity and using gasoline to power our cars is a wash. Increasing the demand for electricity will increase its cost and the hardest hit will be the poor amongst us who are already struggling. And traveling long distances with an electric car at this point is not easy and prolongs the trip by hours. No thank you to this program. Let the free market decide instead of forcing people to buy what they don't want. If and when the technology is there then you won't have to have a mandate. At that point people will willingly buy an electric vehicle.