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

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I am conditionally IN FAVOR of Delaware adopting the Advanced Clean Car II regulations. My primary hesitation is that DNREC needs to make sure there are adequate charging stations in Delaware and across the country. I recently traveled from Lewes, DE to St. Louis, MO to visit family; the trip was 15 hrs and included 1 overnight stay, and many stops to fill up on gasoline/ use a restroom. If I make that trip again with a low-emission vehicle, I want to be sure that charging stations will be easy to find (less than 0.25 mile off the interstate), that they will be in working order, that different models are offered (Tesla vs. others, and hopefully, eventually, a one-size fits all), and that our car can be charged (at least 80%) during the hour it takes us to eat a restaurant meal. Also, that hotels will have enough charging stations so that we can fully charge overnight. In addition, trucks need to be accommodated (at truck stop and/or service areas) once lower-emitting model trucks are developed. Locally, I want to be assured that all people who have cars and live in any kind of multi-residence community, such as an apartment building, have easy access to charging stations. Again, the number and type of stations, upkeep (i.e., working order), and convenience (so that someone doesn't have to sign up for the 2-4 a.m. charging time if it's not convenient) all need to be considered and virtually guaranteed. Also, the cost of installing a home charger needs to be reasonable even for low-income earners if they have a car. Also, consideration needs to be given to how to make up the revenue currently generated by the gasoline tax. If Delaware and other states can commit to guaranteeing that working charging stations will be readily available to all who need them, then I am IN FAVOR of passing this very important legislation. In fact, I suspect that passing this legislation will spur the action needed to make the guarantees come true. Thank you for working to save the environment!