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

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Comments:

I recently attended a public information meeting at Mill Creek Fire Station regarding the EV proposal. Despite the desire for DNREC to not call it a mandate, it is a mandate. I get that is it not a "consumer mandate" but when the dealers are required to limit their inventory to include a government proscribed percentage of EV's, it becomes, essentially, a mandate. The information presented regarding the preparedness for EV implementation was wholly lacking. There were so many unanswerable questions. For instance: charging stations; locations, costs, maintenance. Moreover, battery disposal was also not addressed as they will add to the burden of pollution in our environment. It seems to me that if the climate and our air quality are really at the center of these plans, then why was there no mention made regarding the jet engines from new castle airport and their particulate load into our air, and how much might the philadelphia airport jet output contribute to Delaware's poorer air quality. ? Charging our ev's "at night, when electric rates are lower" was proposed as a benefit to cost savings owning an ev. As more ev's are charged at night, the electric usage rises and with it the costs. Perhaps this was just benignly neglected in hopes that we citizens would not be farsighted enough to consider this? The secretary of DNREC announced that the ev introduction will be market driven. Unfortunately (?) this got a large laugh at the meeting I attended. Mandate purchasing and market driven purchasing are mutually exclusive in the economic theories I learned at the U of D. I vote NO for imposing % requirements on dealers or any other forces by the government of the State of Delaware to control it's citizens choices for cars(ICE), stoves(natural gas, propane, electric), heaters ( natural gas, propane, electric) or hot water heaters to name just a few. I vote for choosing to use the federal clean air regulations. Why would we pattern out state after the worst state in the country ( economiacally) = california. Sincerely, Susan Quigley  
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