

Subject: 2022-R-A-0011: Low Emission Vehicle Program
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DNREC,

My name is Matthew Jarrell and I am from Newark, DE. I am in support of phasing out the sale of gas cars in Delaware.

Transportation is a large contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. These emissions must be reduced to minimize the effects of climate change.

After reading some of the submitted comments, I see that some people who oppose this initiative have valid points. For one, I see people concerned about the cost of EVs to the average person. While we must make some sacrifices to address climate change, putting this burden on the people is unreasonable. People bought the cars and used the gas that was being sold to them. Many of the major oil companies are very aware of the effect that fossil fuels have on the environment, but continued to sell it anyway. We mustn't forget that the people profiting off of fossil fuels bear much of the weight of the current climate disaster. Therefore, the economic burden should not fall on the average person.

Secondly, I see people who are concerned about the infrastructure for these EVs. Charging stations will have to become more accessible and convenient if the EV is to replace the gas vehicle.

Lastly, I have seen comments that address the electric grid's ability to handle an EV community. Individual vehicles will put much more burden on the power needs than public transportation. We need to simultaneously invest in environmentally conscious public transportation that will reduce the power consumption per passenger. It is also important to remember that electricity is still generated in part by fossil fuels. We will need to make a strong move towards renewable resources to produce our electricity.

Overall, I think the move away from gas vehicles is the right one and I support it. Concurrently we must address the conditions to make this a feasible switch in a way that will make environmentally conscious actions the obvious choice.

Thanks for your consideration,
Matt