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

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Comments:

I am in favor of adopting the "zero emission standard" for all new vehicles sold in Delaware beginning in 2026. We, the citizens of Delaware, all need to get our heads out of the sand and address the most important issue of our lifetimes. The warming of our earth's atmosphere, caused by the burning of fuels in our cars, trucks, SUVs, lawnmowers etc, is adversely affecting our health. The emissions caused by the burning of such fuels not only cause air pollution which adversely affects our health, they emit heat trapping gases such as carbon dioxide that are steadily increasing temperatures in the atmosphere and oceans. The result of this warming is causing more frequent severe weather events which have been life threatening and life-ending. Delaware has been more fortunate so far compared to the rest of the country as far as tornados and hurricanes, droughts etc, However, it is not "if", but "when" one of these severe weather events will occur here in Delaware. We must address this very serious, and yes, existential issue. Delawareans must do everything we can to reduce our emissions from our vehicles of transportation by adopting the "ZERO EMISSION STANDARD" for all new vehicles sold in Delaware by 2026. And in regard to the lack of charging stations to power electric vehicles: Henry Ford was not concerned about the lack of gas stations when he was rolling out his first Model "A" Fords in 1903. Are there enough gas stations now? By 1935, there were over two hundred thousand (200,000) stations in the U.S.A.