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

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There is insufficient global rare earth mineral mining capacity to support the proposed transition from gas and diesel-powered vehicles to battery-operated vehicles. A mandate to require the purchase of such vehicles will mean many people will be unable to locate or afford to purchase a battery-operated vehicle at any price! Further, it is highly likely global outrage about the current environmental disasters caused by strip mining land in developing countries to acquire the rare earth minerals used in car batteries, and in many other critical technological applications, will reduce, not increase mining capacity, as Delaware, and other States, foolishly force people to purchase battery operated vehicles. Such mandates will worsen an already constrained supply chain. Lastly, the Chinese Communist Party, via state-sponsored capitalism, is the primary supplier of rare earth powders. While other mining sites outside of China are under consideration, the cheap coal-fired smelting capability of China will continue to offer pricing advantages, as many countries have abandoned the use of coal-fired furnaces due to the unwarranted fear of man-caused global warming, climate change, climate disruption, or the whatever becomes the newest phrase, carefully tested to compel people to suspend critical thinking skills. Delawareans must reject the proposed DNREC battery-powered vehicle regulation at the ballot box if Governor John Carney and Secretary Shawn Garvin remain steadfast in their ideological opposition to fossil fuels and fail to be swayed by logic and reason.