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

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Comments:

I am opposed to the ZEV sales mandate proposed by DNREC for both environmental and economical reasons. Although ZEVs may run cleaner than a gasoline engine, they are still powered by fossil fuels (such as coal) or nuclear fuels which power the electrical grid. ZEV batteries are made from hazardous minerals that must be mined from the earth, which creates its own set of environmental problems. These batteries have also been known to create dangerous fire situations when involved in accidents. ZEVs are expensive to purchase. If the battery is damaged, the ZEV must be scrapped. There is no infrastructure in place for city and apartment dwellers to charge these vehicles on a large scale. These issues will create inequity among the poor. Finally, if Delaware were to entirely ban the operation of all Delaware cars, trucks, and SUVs tomorrow, there would be no appreciable difference in worldwide CO2 emissions or any other pollutant linked to global warming or climate change. These regulations will be a costly mistake for all Delawareans. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.