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Mr. Shawn Garvin, Secretary  
c/o the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)

I am writing to you this message regarding the proposed Amendments to Regulation # 7 Delaware Administrative Code # 1140 – Delaware's Low Emission Vehicle Program.

Secretary Garvin, I firmly believe that all the Citizens of Delaware are concerned of the environment, seek clean air and a greener, healthier atmosphere for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren.

These are very noble goals.

However, I would honestly:

- change the wording of this proposed policy legislation, by deleting the word "mandate." This word has a very negative connotation, whereby individuals -- who have protected 'freedoms' guaranteed by The Constitution -- are forced to relinquish these 'rights, to an executive individual, for a possible period of time.

I would use the word(s) "recommend" and/or "suggest."

and

- before promoting/implementing this policy legislation, I would research methods of how broaden the number of charging stations in this State and equally as important, further research is needed to determine how financially cost effective this alternative engine system will be for the "average" Delaware citizen, knowing that after x of miles the electric engine will need to be replaced.

The question(s) then become: will this new alternative electric type engine be so expensive that many individuals will not be able to afford this cost and -- at the same time -- will be more of a demand for these type engines than there are supply?

Secretary Garvin, these are "lofty" goals to meet the standards to protect this earth by 2032, however, in this situation, until the citizens of this State and our elected

officials have enough knowledge and resources to say "this is a goal we can reach," I truly recommend that this proposal be researched for answers in greater depth.

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