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

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Comments:

I am writing in opposition to the proposed mandate regarding electric vehicles. Electric vehicles are a relatively new product. As such, they are priced out of reach for many people, especially for those on a fixed income. Over time, innovation and volume may bring the price down, but regulations should not be drafted on the premise that this will happen. Even without the concern for cost, there are a number of other issues that need to be addressed, such as obtaining the rare minerals required (without the use of child labor and with respect to the environment). The infrastructure for charging these vehicles is in its infancy, and much more needs to be done to ensure both the charging stations and the electrical grid capacity so that we don't end up as California did last summer with brownouts and telling people not to charge their cars. There is also the issue of replacement battery cost and where and how all the dead batteries will be disposed of. There is also the question of how road maintenance will be funded as more cars do not pay the gas tax. Will there be trackers in the cars? Will we be taxed on vehicle weight? There is also the fact that Americans are not used to the government forcing change on its citizens by limiting options and picking winners and losers in a commercial enterprise. The Solyndra and Fisker debacles come to mind, with taxpayers on the hook for millions of dollars. As with any new technology, it needs to evolve before the state commands what the public must buy and what dealers must sell. Unfortunately, I think the state is putting the cart before the horse with the proposed action. I urge you to reconsider this mandate, which limits my freedom to choose.