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

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This regulation is out of sync with the needs and values of Delawareans. It greatly overestimates the desire of the Delaware market for EV's. These vehicles are poor choices for many citizens and it is appalling that our state would impose this mandate on its citizens. Critical considerations include the inadequacy of the electric generation facilities and the attached grid to handle the proposed load. Also, emissions remain as a pollution burden, with the majority of that generation coming from fossil fuel sources. The production of materials and the manufacture of EV's has a huge impact on the environment. Mining and refining of materials for EV's (especially the batteries) requires extraction of over 500,000 pounds of material using fossil-fueled heavy equipment. It requires refining of large quantities of key minerals, such as Lithium and Cobalt which are largely sourced from un-democratic countries like The Republic of the Congo, where both child and slave labor are used to extract these minerals. Note that Congo relies almost exclusively on the People's Republic of China to further refine these materials. This places the US at great strategic risk. Please allow the market to dictate the pace of the transition toward EV's, as both the technology and interest dictates, and abandon this proposed regulation.