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

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Comments:

The decision to follow California's lead concerning Low Emission Vehicle Program is ill conceived and I wish to express my strongest objection to even considering adopting this program. The whole idea of switching over to electric vehicles is impractical as well as anti-freedom of choice. It begins with what materials it takes to construct the battery, who and how the materials are extracted and finally where the batteries are being constructed. I think it is abundantly clear that China does not hold our interests and it is a clear national security concern to entrust a significant portion of our energy to an adversarial China. There are many troubling concerns. To list just a few glaring concerns and by no means all concerns, here are a few; the high cost of electric vehicles, the high cost of replacing batteries, the disposal of spent batteries, to which there are no practical method of disposal, vehicle fires generated by batteries, which are next to impossible to extinguish. Next concern is how to supply all the electricity needed to recharge. Our grid is not ready for that task. Factor in the cost of installing chargers in homes. What about apartment buildings? People in rural areas? How's that going to work out? Lastly, I would state that this program sounds and is too authoritarian. America is about freedom of choice. This proposal sounds anything but freedom of choice. Whatever happen to market driven innovation. Americans want and demand freedom of choice, and not some government dictated decree. If you want an electric vehicle, you should be able to buy one if you can afford it. If you want a gas vehicle you should have the freedom to purchase that also. As far as the argument for clean air/climate change/global warming. The is no empirical data/hard science that by enacting this measure will have any measurable effect on climate or the so-called global warming. If California wants dictatorial government, so be it. I strongly believe that is not what Delawareans want.