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### Comments:

Clean Cars Testimony. My name is Charlie Garlow. I live in Rehoboth Beach, DE. I am testifying on behalf of the Delaware Electric Vehicle Association, (DEEVA), a non-profit group that promotes the many benefits of Electric Vehicles (EVs). Our members own EVs or want to own EVs and are eager to show their EVs to other members of the public who may have questions about this new technology. We are here tonight to testify in favor of the Advanced Clean Cars II proposal to adopt California's approach here in Delaware so that we can realize the same benefits as California does. California has been a leader in clean air control. We need the best controls in DE as New Castle County was recently given a D for air quality by the Lung Association. Electric Vehicles have seen a surge in new technology in the last decade with better, longer lasting batteries, lower prices and other beneficial features. While Tesla has clearly led the way, almost all other vehicle manufacturers are going to incorporate EVs in their lineups. More and more models, including pickup trucks are available. I bought my 2017 Chevy Bolt for \$36,000 and got a \$7500 federal tax credit (which you can now get as a cash back instead of a credit thanks to the IRA law). I also got a credit from the state, making this a very affordable car with a range that exceeds 300 miles on warm days and 250 on colder days, still WAY more mileage than I need. I drove it to Maine to go hiking, and back, last summer and charged up at several super chargers along the way. No problem. In addition to the benefits of lower fuel costs (electricity costs about 1/3 to 1/4 the price of gasoline), low maintenance costs (no oil changes, no muffler repairs). EVs are quiet. Yes, the batteries are still pricey, but new battery approaches are improving the technology. Improving costs, finding new sources of key minerals, all the time. The future is bright. One not so bright reason we need to move to ZEVs by 2035 is because of the polluting politics of oil. As President George W Bush said, Americans are addicted to oil. As a result, our nation is sending billions of dollars to oil dictators, such as Saudi Arabia and Russia. Saudi Arabia, home to MBS who chopped his opponent into pieces and got the title Mr Bone Saw. The more we reduce our purchase and use of oil, the more we reduce the world price, and these petro-dictators will suffer. If we favor Freedom for people around the world, we must join the world-wide movement to EVs. China is already ahead of us. It's time to put the pedal to the metal.