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

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Comments:

I'm writing today to voice my complete opposition to the Delaware / DNREC Zero Emissions Standards, otherwise known as the gasoline and diesel vehicle ban. My name is Greg Wheeler and I'm a hardworking, law-abiding taxpayer of the First State. I live a few miles north of Greenwood in the south-central part of Kent County with my wife and two young daughters. I work in Bridgeville for an industrial construction company that supports the chicken and agriculture industries and my wife started her own small business a few years back. We relocated to Delaware in the fall of 2011 and genuinely enjoy the area. My wife and I laid down roots here and had no intention of moving. Unfortunately, the last few years have changed my perspective of the state, due to the constant erosion of our rights by the state government. This electric vehicle mandate is a bridge too far and will force myself and my family out of Delaware, as we will not allow the state government to dictate every aspect of our lives. Last I checked I thought the state government was supposed to work FOR the people. Instead, state government is getting more aggressive and emboldened with forcing things on people against their will. Why is it fashionable for Delaware to try to mimic California, or Pennsylvania, or New Jersey, or New York? Delaware is its own state and should be making decisions based on what's best for Delaware with input from its citizens and consideration given to its citizens. I have a lot of questions about this electric vehicle mandate as I'm sure many do. I'm going to list them off rather than put them in sentence form. This is not an all-inclusive list. - How do the people of Delaware benefit from this? - Has any engineering been done to see what impact all these new electric vehicles will do to our current electrical infrastructure? Generating capacity and transmission capacity. - What impact will this significant increase in demand have on people's electric bill? - What happens when we get hit with a blizzard or hurricane that takes out power to a portion of the state for an extended period of time causing people to get stranded because they can't charge their vehicles? - How are lower income folks going to afford to buy an electric vehicle after you outlaw their current vehicle? - How are young adults who are trying to find their way in life going to afford an electric vehicle to get them to class and a part time job? I'm talking about kids in the 18-22 range who are going to college and working a part time job. Or the kids that are furthering their education in a trade and just getting started. - For the batteries that have served their lifespan, how will the batteries be disposed of? What impact will this have on the environment? What will it cost a person to dispose of a battery? - What is the plan for the abundance of un-employed people that will be a result of this mandate? Independent repair shops, mechanics, gas stations, truckers delivering fuel, etc. - What are you going to do about all the fuel tanks buried in the ground at all of these gas stations? Going to dig them all up? Who's going to pay for that? - Why is this not going through the legislative process? - How much do replacement batteries cost? - What is the plan to update every fire department with the proper equipment to handle electric vehicle fires? Who's going to pay for that? - What is the service life on an electric vehicle battery? - What are the environmental impacts caused by making the batteries for these vehicles? Are we trading air pollution for water and soil pollution? In closing, this electric vehicle mandate is bad for Delaware. I believe in choices and letting people decide for themselves. There is no reason why internal combustion engine vehicles and electric vehicles can't exist together. Thank

You for taking the time to read my letter. Sincerely, Greg Wheeler