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

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Comments:

I'm from Kent County, and I strongly urge DENREC to follow the leadership of Ronald Reagan and his home state of California, who looked at the new science and then achieved the phased, regulatory elimination of two poisons by his EPA, lead in gasoline and asbestos in buildings. Fort Lauderdale got 20" of rain in a single night last week, the entire city was flooded, and the lines at the gas stations were hours long because the roads were flooded and tankers could not pass. The electricity was on. Clearly, the transition that has already started and it raises great questions, and planning ahead setting a goal, working together, not in a panic or at the last minute, but in thoughtful, reasonable manner ensures that we do this the right way for us all. The change to zero emission vehicles is already happening... so we must lead follow or get out of the way. The rest of the civilized world recognizes that science actually counts and we can do something about the climate crisis which will hurt us all. If you want any chance at all at attracting young people and young companies to come to Delaware, or stay in Delaware, we must do this. Driving both of our ZEVs is an absolute joy, quiet, smooth, peaceful, fast, and it saves us a metric ton of money on fuel, time, noise, and hassle. Charging stations are already installed in every Delaware Home. It's called an outlet. If you still want to drive an internal combustion engine, you can. if you want to accommodate your special-needs case like towing a big horse trailer or running a commercial truck that does certain things that require that kind of vehicle you'll still be able to do it. All this bumper sticker rage is coming from a deceitful propaganda operation that profits when you are riled up. No one's coming for your guns, your car, or your freedom. The hyperventilation and hysteria about zero emission vehicles coming from Fox News and their local subordinates contain as much truth as their claim that Dominion rigged the 2020 election. Which is to say, zero truth. Gasoline cars cause many more dangerous fires than battery electric vehicles. Lithium ions cars are cleaner than gas cars when, made, operated, and junked. Carbon dioxide is a helpful gas, until it gets to the gargantuan quantities which chemically react in a way that destroys the protective mediating layers of the atmosphere. Automakers are now installing multiple modular batteries instead of one large more expensive single battery. The purchase price of zero emission cars are no different than gasoline cars. Actually look. Prius's are not zero emission vehicles they are 90% emission and 10% low performance batteries. Based on their size there is no way they could double the electrical costs at an average Delaware apartment. Sitting stuck in traffic in an electric vehicle will use less energy than a gas car. Electricity from Power plants is much cleaner than gasoline in cars, because they are more regulated. Thanks to the Governor and DENREC for their leadership on this issue. The only thing we have to fear is fear itself.