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

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My thoughts on why the mandate is bad public policy and call into question the Carney administration's position that the switch to EVs is needed to improve local air quality and fight global warming and climate change. While EV's have no emissions, they do require you charge them with electricity that is produced largely by using fossil fuels. Also its been stated that "90% of DE's air pollution comes from other states" According to federal data, there were 1.31 billion light-duty vehicles (LDVs) in the world in 2020. Delaware's 967,400 cars, trucks, and SUVs (2021) constitute less than eight one-hundreds of one percent of all light-duty vehicles on the planet. Even if Delaware were to entirely ban the operation of all Delaware cars, trucks, and SUVs tomorrow, there would be no appreciable difference in worldwide CO2 emissions or any other pollutant linked to global warming or climate change. While we all have an obligation to be good stewards of the environment, the Carney administration's policy of forcing the adoption of EVs will carry huge costs for taxpayers and impose hardships on Delaware families. The cost of affordable used cars will rise. The inconvenience of finding charging stations for city and apartment and condo residents will be nearly impossible. Will the government be involved in the creation and spend to address this problem. While Delawareans are being asked to surrender their freedom of choice and make huge personal and taxpayer-funded financial investments to embrace EVs and reduce global carbon emissions, China is doubling down on the use of carbon-rich coal. China also owns 90 percent of the world's cobalt which is used to manufacture the batteries used in the EV's. Another concern would be what will we do with all the batteries that are no longer rechargeable? I am opposed to this mandate and feel it is not the governments responsibility to tell me what I can and cannot drive. I am for the personal choice of buying an EV but it should be just that a choice not a mandate.