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

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Comments:

I am the mother of 2 Millennials and the grandmother of 3 grandchildren and the foster grandmother of 3 additional children – all 6 of them are Generation Alpha children, meaning, they were born after 2010. I am profoundly concerned about the kind of world we are leaving our children and grandchildren, and future generations. After our children grew up, we downsized from a 3-bedroom house to a small condominium, because we wanted to reduce our carbon footprint and our contribution to climate change. We drive a Prius hybrid for the same reasons and look forward to purchasing an electric vehicle the next time we're in the market for a new car – hopefully, we'll be able to buy it right here in Delaware. We are careful to avoid financial investments in hydrocarbon-based energy industries; instead, we invest in alternative energy. Whenever I learn of legislation or regulations that will reduce air pollution and global warming caused by burning hydrocarbon fuels, I make my voice heard by voting and by testifying at events like the public hearing held on April 26, 2023. These are examples of how my husband and I have taken personal steps to reduce our carbon footprint. However, to achieve the kind of dramatic reductions in hydrocarbon pollutants and greenhouse gases needed to safeguard future generations, we must have effective governmental policies. I strongly support the Advanced Clean Cars 2 initiative. Between now and 2035, when the regulation would take full effect, we have time to build the infrastructure needed to handle the transition to electric vehicles. Adopting ACC2 will signal to the markets that here in Delaware, we are open for business in this huge job-creating venture. Car manufacturers are doing their part to recognize this signal by investing billions of dollars in the transition to electric vehicle technology; however, the infrastructure, jobs, and vehicle deployment will only take off in states that recognize that signal and adopt ACC2. In summary, I want to protect future generations from the unhealthy effects of air pollution and from the catastrophic effects of climate change. Adopting the Advanced Clean Cars 2 initiative is an important, common-sense approach to achieving both goals.