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

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While I agree that we should continue to research and develop better and cleaner emission standards. The current infrastructure will not support turning to all EV in the near future. Furthermore, our country lacks the ability to produce the chemicals needed to manufacture the batteries. Leaving us at the will of foreign nations some of whom are our adversaries and could put our country at risk. Our country also lacks the ability to safely dispose of the chemicals used in depleted batteries. Once again, the infrastructure is not in place to handle the amount of waste that will be produced as the batteries age. Last but not least the cost to purchase and maintain vehicles of this type is cost prohibitive to most middle- and lower-class citizens. Not to mention small businesses. Again, let me be perfectly clear, I do support the development of better emissions standards. But at this point we are decades away from mandating any state be permitted to only sell these types of new vehicles. It is my opinion that EV is only a very small portion of very large solution. Respectfully, Bryan Walton