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

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Comments:

My wife and I would like to comment on the Low Emission Vehicle program, or more specifically, on the proposed regulations that would affect the purchase or sale of fossil fuel powered vehicles. We consider ourselves to be active environmentalists. We are quite strict about reducing, reusing and recycling. We are on the mailing list of groups like the Sierra Club, and we participate in environmental cleanup activities. We both grew up in Sussex County many years ago, and have witnessed firsthand how pollution can affect the environment. However, we both believe that the proposed regulations are extremely premature. There are many concerns about the practicality of electric vehicles including ranging, charging times, cost and so forth. There does not seem to be a reason to rush into these matters as, by all measures, vehicle related emissions have already been reduced significantly and are not a major contributor to air pollution in Delaware. We have concerns about the impact on an already fragile electrical grid and are aware of the electric supply problems in California. This reminds us the Clean Air Act regulations that initially called for much more elaborate and expensive vehicle testing. Many states, including Delaware, push back and help to implement a more practical and sensible testing system. The goal then, as now, was laudable but the approach was not well thought out. Please take a common sense approach to this situation. We think that there are better and more feasible solutions to be found. Count us as squarely against the proposed regulations.