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

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Comments:

This is to express my absolute opposition towards the Low Emission Vehicle Program. I oppose it for many reasons. First, restricting car dealerships from being able to sell the vehicles they wish to sell, selling should be dependent upon the needs and desires of their customers. Dealers should not be confined to selling a government mandated percentage of vehicles, let the market decide. Second, the electrical infrastructure is not capable of providing the power needed to charge all of the cars, we already have "Beat the Peak" days where we are asked to cut back on power usage. More EV's will stress the system even more. And there has been no discussion as to how the infrastructure is going to be improved to support more and more EV's. Nor has there been discussions as to the costs involved and where and how the power is going to be generated. Third, there has been no forethought about situations where people live in multi-story apartments or condominiums and how they would be able to charge their vehicles. Also, expensive upgrades will be needed for many homes that currently cannot support the power requirements for the charging systems. As far as charging systems, there will never be enough, lines will be long and frustrations will be high. Fourth, the cost of EV's is unreachable by low income people. Many, many people rely on being able to purchase an inexpensive used car, and buying an ICE car is the most cost effective way to go. Used EV's have the risk of not having the capacity and range expected and will need their batteries replaced, and is probably why they were sold by the initial owners in the first place. Fifth, there is no zero emission in reality. The materials needed to produce EV's is expensive to acquire, mining, and processing the materials needed is certainly not "earth friendly" in the least. It becomes a net zero sum game. Sixth, most of the materials are mined and made overseas in countries that have no concern for the environment and do not care about the pollution, destruction and waste they make. Why are we putting money in their coffers? Seventh, EV's are more dangerous in accidents and ICE vehicles. They are heavier which causes more damage compared to an ICE vehicle at the same speed. Being able to extricate a victim of an accident has a lot more risk for firefighters and EMS. Using the Jaws of Life adds to the risk since there is no standards as to how EV's are made, and where it is safe to cut and tear a vehicle apart. Also, EV fires require thousands of gallons of water and hours of time to extinguish. Eighth, the People of Delaware are tired of Mandates, having dealt with Covid and all the restrictions during that time, the People show no regard for any more Mandates from a government that does not listen. Finally, we want our Government, both Federal and especially the State of Delaware, to listen to the People who have elected them, (and continually pay their salaries), that we expect and demand that they, the government, listen to the People and not instill this dictatorial Low Emission Vehicle Program.