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

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I write to you to oppose the mandate regarding electric vehicles. I live in Sussex County and worry if we must evacuate, that I will run out of power before I can get to safety. I live on a fixed income and cannot afford an expensive car. I love our environment too but am not convinced that EVs are better for the environment after you consider the impact of mining and the serious environmental waste that results from the batteries that cannot be recycled, and our dependence on China and Russia to provide the required minerals (cobalt and nickel) for the batteries. I urge you to reconsider the mandate and rescind this bill. It will cost all Delawareans the freedom to travel when and where we choose, respond to family emergencies, and conduct our daily lives in a normal manner. You must also consider the farmers and rural communities in Delaware. All our lives will be severely impacted in a very negative manner if this mandate is enacted as the average income for most Delawareans is very low and has no comparison to California in population, congestion, or wages.