

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

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I wish to strongly dissent to being forced to have an electric vehicle. If people want to purchase one that is up to the individual. I feel our public officials have no regard for their constituents and how they feel.

You have never proved that this will have any major impact on climate change. You have not presented the environmental impact of the mining of materials and minerals required to make solar panels, wind turbines and batteries (which does not create energy, merely store it). In addition the impact on wild life, whales and migratory and predatory birds have been seen in states where they have wind farms (on land or sea). These fields require thousands of acres that would need to be cleared and at what cost of wildlife. I have seen in the past where a rare turtle can stop construction. How will you handle that or will you ignore it now that it doesn't fit your agenda.

Have you investigated and explained the impossibility of getting rid of the environmental waste created when materials such as solar panels, turbine blades and batteries need to be disposed of?

And as important, how much electricity will be required for all of the charging stations needed both public and private. What changes will be needed for the average home to install and operate a charger? What drain on an already limited grid will be required and at what cost?

How would you clear a major highway after a storm closed them? People stranded will use electricity trying to survive as their batteries die. Then after the storm is over, how do you remove all of the vehicles which will all need to be charged before removing.

Have you done your due diligence before making such a major decision. PS These changes for long term efforts on this project will globally cost more than 30 plus trillion dollars nationally. Prove this wrong. I challenge you to provide the proof of your results (with empirical data). If you cannot, you are doing everyone in this state a disservice. I am extremely disappointed in Delaware.

I hope you can reconsider your position and/or be able to defend your recommendation if required in some other forum.

PS this will disproportionately impact low income and fixed income citizens.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

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