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

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Comments:

Good afternoon, I strongly oppose EV Mandates in the state of Delaware and will support every legal challenge against them. EVs are a massive cost on Delawareans that we cannot afford, have terrible mileage that significantly restricts travel and prevents me from doing my job, and most people will either circumvent this by buying cars out of state (putting many car dealerships and business owners out of business) or potentially leave the state. I bought my current car in 2018 for \$10,000 with a 100,000-mile warranty. I get 400-miles per tank, and about 30 per gallon. It takes me less than 5 minutes to get in and out of a gas station. The cheapest EV comparable (Nissan Leaf) is \$25,000 with a 150-mile charge and requires 7 hours for a full charge. The EV Charging station I would have to put in my house costs another \$1,000 and would also dramatically our electrical bill. I work as a Support Desk Technician for a Credit Union and have to travel between 7 branches across Delmarva. My commute between the office in Seaford and my home in Long Neck totals 60 miles, meaning I only have 80 miles left to drive daily before having to charge my vehicle. Instead of being able to visit multiple branches in a single day, I would only be able to visit one at most or risk being unable to return home. I also have been cleared to be a volunteer at White Clay Creek State Park in the Nature Center, but I would not be able to drive there and back because the commute is larger than 150 miles. I would either be stuck waiting for between 7-11 hours in upstate Delaware or not be able to assist DNREC locations. Many businesses will have problems being able to handle the changes and will go out of business. Gas Stations won't be able to supply gas for tourists and out-of-state guests AND locations to charge different vehicles (because multiple EVs require different chargers). They will also lose money from the lack of gas sales in the off season, so they may close down, meaning fewer places to get gas and charge EVs. Car Dealerships will likely see significantly lower sales because cars have become unaffordable and Delawareans will simply purchase cars in Maryland or Pennsylvania to circumvent EV laws. Many will go out of business being unable to make a profit. In conclusion, I strongly oppose EV mandates for Delaware. Should these mandates move forward, I will support every legal challenge against them. They will significantly increase the cost of living and cause damage to many businesses. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, John Andalora