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

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Comments:

I am extremely distressed in reading about the proposal to mandate electric vehicles. I feel that this is unreasonable and unrealistic for many reasons. Forcing Delaware residents to switch to electric vehicles, especially in such a short time frame, will create enormous hardship for a majority of residents who may not have the funds to purchase a new EV, and install a charging station in their homes. For our family, we frequently take vacations that are 1000 or more miles away, and we do not like to fly. To have to stop and spend perhaps hours charging our vehicle to complete a trip is ridiculous and unreasonable. What happens to someone who is stuck in traffic for hours due to an accident? How long will a battery last in that situation if not fully charged? What about disposal of batteries down the road? My understanding is that replacement batteries are almost the cost of another car. There are just too many issues to work out before you can expect everyone to be on board with this. My suggestion would be to offer incentives to those who choose to switch to an EV. As it becomes easier and less expensive to do so, people could be encouraged to switch if the benefits outweigh the drawbacks. To begin this as a mandate is an overwhelmingly bad idea that 3/4 of Delaware residents are not in favor of and is a gross government overreach. Minerals for these batteries come from China, the world's largest polluter. Creating unreasonable hardship for Delawareans who are not large contributors to the problem makes no sense whatsoever. I strongly urge you to reconsider the repercussions and explore an entirely different way to promote EVs. Thank you.