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

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Comments:

I support the enactment of the ACC2 regulations that will adopt updated standards from California on LEV and ZEV vehicles. I believe adoption of these standards will accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles and plug-in hybrids in Delaware and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other harmful emissions that affect Delawarean's health and environment. I supported the adoption of a Climate Action Plan for Delaware and see these regulations as an important step in reaching the state's climate goals. I also experienced first-hand the problem with purchasing EVs in Delaware because of the state's failure to adopt ZEV standards before now. I tried to purchase an EV in Delaware and was told that Delaware is allocated very few EVs by manufacturers because they send those vehicles to the "ZEV" states in order to meet requirements for sales in those states. A dealer just over the state line in Pennsylvania told me the same thing. Most Mid-Atlantic states have already adopted the ZEV standards, so this is where most of them are sold. This puts Delaware way behind in incorporating EVs into vehicles on the road in this state and reaping the benefits of reduced emissions. Delaware also is behind in building out infrastructure for charging vehicles and making chargers available to everyone, including those in apartments or without driveways/garages where a charger can be installed. I recently visited relatives in California, and the difference is readily apparent. Chargers are literally everywhere, at apartment complexes, in parking lots, at public parks. Even Level II chargers have value in that you can plug in your car while you shop or attend at class or take a hike, and get some extra charge to get home. I now have a ZEV and in order to drive it longer distances it is critical that charging stations be located throughout the region, especially on highly traveled routes and at rest stops and other public areas. A larger number of EVs in Delaware will also prompt more private businesses and property owners to install chargers due to the demand from customers. Please adopt the updated LEV and ZEV standards now.