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

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Hello, I am voicing my concerns against Docket #2022-R-A-0011, Low Emission Vehicle Program, amendments to 7 DE Admin. Code 1140. I've had 3 Priuses since 2005. This last one is both electric and hybrid. But the electric part of the car only lasts 25 miles. To charge it, I need to run an extension cord from my condo to the parking lot. And my electric bill has nearly doubled since it takes over 6 hours for a full charge, with my gas expenses at the pump also increasing due to misguided fossil fuel policies. After 30 years in the Air Force, I could have lived anywhere upon retirement. But I came back to my hometown of Delaware. Note I say Delaware, not Delafornia. I lived in beautiful sunny California for nearly 10 years but WOKE up to their damaging policies and couldn't get away fast enough. Our State legislature has delegated their authority to regulate specific vehicle mandates to DNREC, thus turning the judgement over to a small handful of unelected employees. The words democracy and freedom are often tossed around as buzz words. I take them seriously. This mandate is not democracy nor freedom for We the People. This is a perfect example of government overreach at its finest. It is unconstitutional for the legislature to delegate the authority of lawmaking that is VESTED in the legislature. Article 2 Section 1 of the Delaware constitution state that "The legislative power of this state shall be vested in a general assembly, which shall consist of a Senate and House of representatives." We the People elect our legislators. We do not elect administrative agency officials. As an administrative agency, DNREC's mission from its website includes these words: engage, protect, improve, lead, and educate. Nowhere is the authority to mandate or regulate. Additionally, it is not good governance when you have one hearing for the entire state, with limited time available, and made it very difficult for people to navigate your multiple websites to register to utilize my first amendment rights so that we the people can participate in this process. There is a lack of open government and transparency, and it makes me question the integrity of this entire EV mandate issue. Lastly, our elected officials in office right now will not be the same people that will eventually have to deal with the poor policies of today. So what will we be leaving our kids and grandkids to deal with? Even as an owner of an EV, I think these "green" initiatives are overhyping the future of electric cars in the US. If people want to follow California or other states, I suggest relocating. Besides this amendment being unconstitutional, my other reasons include: 1. The lack of infrastructure for charging stations, the time to charge these cars, the higher cost of electric vehicles, the replacement cost of the battery, and the limited mileage range of electric cars are my secondary reasons, and 2. The lead and cadmium batteries in these vehicles emit toxic fumes, lead harmful chemicals into the ground and water supply, the disposal of batteries in landfills where toxic chemicals can be released, and the combustion of brake dust, airborne road dust, and tire erosion when electric vehicles are used create particulate matter in the air. Thank you for this opportunity to submit my opinions. Michele Williams HD 20, SD 6