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

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Comments:

I vehemently oppose the Low Emission Vehicle proposed law. I believe that it would be disastrous to Delaware's economy. I currently work at a manufacturing plant where we hire low-income workers to fill jobs. Many of these are already struggling to keep older vehicles operational, so they can get to work. Many car pool because they can't afford a vehicle on their own. The idea that they would be able to afford (conservatively) a \$50,000 - \$60,000 electric vehicle is absurd. I can't afford such a vehicle, and I make substantially more than they do. Not only do the vehicles come with a horrific price tag, they're also more expensive to operate. And there's the added expense of having to rewire your garage. Then there is the fact that the batteries only last a handful of years, and it's usually cheaper to purchase a new vehicle than replace the batteries. We looked up what the batteries cost. It was \$9000 for one battery, the car required 6 batteries. You do the math. The making batteries is arguably far worse on the environment than running a gas-powered vehicle. And the batteries are produced in China. Do we really want to be beholden to China? Are you actively trying to destroy industry in the state? Because that's exactly what you'll do, if this bill goes forward. When industries can't afford to operate in a state they simply pull up roots and move out. I know this for a fact, as my company announced two weeks ago that they are moving their operations to Mexico by the end of the summer. Why? Because it's cheaper to operate in Mexico than Delaware. That's 140+ of my cohorts that will soon not have a job to drive to any longer, gas powered or otherwise. I implore you, do not pass this bill into law. It is the very pinnacle of insanity.