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

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## Comments:

I strongly oppose this program. I believe we should be able to purchase a vehicle of our own choice. After all this is the land of the free is it not? My vehicle is able to go over 400 miles on a tank of gas {only takes a few minutes to fuel up} whereas an EV only goes maybe 170 miles on a single charge. The time to fully charge your EV vehicle is 7 hours! Can you imagine the lines at the charger stations when and if every vehicle in Delaware has to be an EV. Further, the costs to purchase an EV is about \$20,000 more than a gas engine, and when it comes time to replace the battery, the cost for a new battery is over \$25,000 plus the labor to install. Who wants to put that much money into a used vehicle? How many people can afford this, especially people on a fixed income, and moderate to low income persons. Also, has the State figured out how these dead batteries are going to be environmentally disposed of? Also, what about how some of these EV vehicles have burst into flames while just parked. And, how are they extinquished? Hundreds of gallons of water and maybe not then, some of them have had to be buried in soil. What does that do to the environment? I, for one, am not interested in putting myself in one of these vehicles and I do not believe that I should have no other choice.