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

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5/21/2023 To Whom It May Concern, As I understand it, one of the primary reasons surrounding the EV Legislation is the concerns for our environment and how the communities that border the interstate and main roadways in Delaware are negatively affected by the exhaust of the vehicles drive through our State. Have there been any traffic studies that confirm how many out of State vehicles ride on the Delaware portion of the interstate and our main roads? As someone who has been regularly driving on these roads in New Castle and Kent Counties for the last 37 years, it has been my personal experience that at least one out of every three vehicles on our roads are from out of State. I continue to see more and more out of State vehicles with a greater variety of vehicles from different States, driving on our Delaware roads every day. Do we ban out of state fossil fuel vehicles driving through the State of Delaware? How would that affect the quite substantial revenue collected through driving tolls in Delaware? In fact, how can I find out how much was collected at our Delaware toll booths in 2022? Electric Vehicles certainly have a place in the future for our State, our society, and the world, but there is a "long and winding road" to travel until this type of transportation is viable for our current way of life in Delaware and in our country as a whole. Mandates such as this inhibit, if not destroy the innovation incentivized by free enterprise. Significant advancements in EV innovation are needed to improve the efficiency, safety and cost to purchase and maintain Electric Vehicles. I urge you to re-consider mandating Electric Vehicles in Delaware for many reasons including the aforementioned. Now is not the time and this is not the way to improve the environment and the health of our Delawareans. Respectfully, Michele Vella Gallagher 16 Chadd Road Newark, Delaware 19711 302-738-2955 Landline