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

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I strongly oppose DNREC's plan to force all vehicles purchased in Delaware to be Electric. I strongly disagree with limiting a person's choice of the type of vehicle they can purchase by the government. There are many issues with converting all vehicles to electric. 1. Public Safety - Police, EMS and Fire vehicles can not be put out of commission while getting "re-fueled" with electric which requires a much longer period than filling up with gasoline or diesel. 2. In cases of large storms or failures of the electrical grid system, no vehicles will be able to be charged unless there is a backup system. Again, a problem for public safety. Also, this could be a problem for those trying to get to areas to provide assistance, such as workers from different electric companies trying to get to communities needing help with their work vehicles. (Remember the storms in Texas a few years back where the electric grid was down for an extended period of time.) May also be issues with the Trucking industry and getting goods delivered. 3. Electric vehicles cost more than gas vehicles presently. How will vehicles be charged if owner can not afford to put in personal charger at home? Owner will need to be close to a public charging system. Lower income citizens may not be able to purchase / easily charge an electric vehicle. This plan will negatively affect many citizens. 4. Roads are still used by electric vehicles, but those vehicles do not buy gas and are therefore not supporting the road maintenance via the gas tax. Charging a fee per the number of miles driven, will cause a hardship for those who are already struggling. Citizens may not be able to pay a large fee / bill. Delaware has a large tourism economy. How will the "tourists" who visit support the roads in Delaware? 5. How many charging stations will need to be built? Who will pay for those charging stations? The government should not be responsible for building charging stations. Currently there are many gas stations, but to my knowledge, the government did not pay to build them Isabel Stevenson 302-629-8310 imstevenson56@gmail.com