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

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Delaware is a north eastern state with a harsher winter climate. EV battery life is proven to diminish quicker in colder climates. it is proven that it is not safe to store and charge an EV in a garage given the fire risk. It is also difficult for those that live in apartments or places that there is only street parking to find places to charge their EV. Even for home owners there is a major expense to install charging capabilities at their residence. The state would be better off to drive an acceptable infrastructure to support EVs before mandating EV purchases. This is a typical government regulation that mandates without funding what it will cost to execute. Stop trying to be a NY or California, we are Delaware with less resources and capability to execute effectively at this time table. Push the dates out and focus on the infrastructure first. Give major tax breaks to install charging stations in residential homes and apartment complexes. Increase funds to increase the road capability to handle the extra weight of EVs. Eliminate traffic jams on 95 so people don't run out of charge sitting in traffic. Add hundreds of charging stations at the rest stops in Delaware. Sponsor legislation that standardizes charging plugs for all EVs instead of every manufacturer having their own. Think through all of the dependencies before you do this regulation that is going to increase tax payer costs.