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

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Comments:

DNREC, Please do not pass the legislation to ban the sale of new fuel-powered cars, trucks, and SUVs in Delaware. Please do not require electric vehicles. Electric vehicles are novelty items that have been in existence for over one hundred (100) years, but have not been successful in our free market economy. It is wrong to mandate a technology that must be artificially propped-up by government dollars! Requiring vehicles to be electric-only and banning the sale of new fossil fuel-powered cars, trucks, and SUVs in Delaware constitutes an unreasonable restraint of trade. This restraint applies to vehicle sales, vehicle parts suppliers, vehicle maintainers and the general public. It also curtails use of other alternative fuels like natural gas and hydrogen. It is wrong to rule with "executive- type" orders and "directives". Dictatorships are swollen with mandates. Requiring vehicles be electric-only does nothing to bring jobs to the local workforce. It will displace employed Delawareans, many of whom work for small businesses that do not have training budgets. Please do not approve this Low Emission Vehicle Program. Respectfully.