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

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Comments:

After much consideration, I am writing to let you know that I am against the legislation that will mandate electric vehicles in the state of Delaware for the following reasons: Research has shown that the batteries required for the electric vehicles can burst into fire on their own and can not be immediately extinguished by the fire department. Even electric golf carts have started fires at peoples homes. The electric batteries cannot be recycled in a safe manner. If they are buried, the leakage will contaminate the land surrounding the "dump" and will probably leak into the surrounding water supply. We will be beholden to purchase the batteries from China or from companies in the US financed by China. When will we stop outsourcing work/ products to China to the detriment of the US? The minerals being harvested for the batteries are being excavated by men, women and children in terrible health threatening conditions. Our current electric infrastructure cannot handle the needs of all electric cars. There will be a strain on the power grid. Electric prices will increase. It is cost prohibitive for most people to purchase an electric vehicle and/or to replace their batteries, especially people who are on fixed incomes or government subsidies. People will not be able to travel freely. Delawareans should be able to vote at the polls for this action, not forced to be subjected to DNREC's political wishes. Why should the few decide for the many about what is good for us? California is bankrupt! Why should we be appropriating their policies? I sincerely hope these issues are considered before electric vehicles are forced upon us. Please do what is right for the "many" and not just for what is currently deemed as political correctness. Sincerely, Jacqueline Berger