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

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Comments:

I oppose mandating that the population of Delaware, or anywhere for that matter, may only purchase electric vehicles is wrong and shortsighted. I am also unclear as to why Delaware is blindly following the laws enacted in California. I moved from California to Delaware. The culture and the issues in California are far different than Delaware. Why do we want people in another state on the other side of the country dictating how Delaware should govern itself? I am not opposed to electric vehicles. More power to you, if that is your choice. Today though, electric vehicles have several issues, such as: Cost Repairability – replacement batteries are very expensive. Insurance companies total a car for even minor accidents. Nearly complete reliability on foreign nations for batteries. Batteries are not currently recyclable. Limited range, particularly in very cold, or very hot climates. Charging times and limited charging infrastructure. Electric grid not up for the challenge We are not ready for an entire electric vehicle fleet. Let the free market take us there. At a minimum, this decision should not be made by executive fiat. If this is important then the people should vote on this as a ballot item like the people of California, you so want to emulate.