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

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Comments:

I am opposed to the mandate for the following reasons: 1. The State government has not provided a comprehensive analysis of the many issues that are or will be presented if the mandate goes forward in its current form. I am also not confident that the information that has been provided is credible and without significant bias concerning the benefits and problems that are to be expected and those that are unknown. 2. The aggressive timing of the mandate's rollout will undoubtedly demonstrate that both the public and private sector are not prepared for such a drastic and far-reaching change that will affect most people. 3. In my opinion there has not been enough exploration of alternative means to reduce carbon emissions that could potentially have even greater impact when compared to the elimination gas powered vehicles. 4. Like many government initiatives, it appears that much of the known and difficult facts, such as the energy it takes to mine the raw materials needed, the energy needed to produce the electric vehicle parts, the human and environmental costs associated with the mining, manufacturing and disposal of these vehicles and batteries, the geo-political challenges, etc., have been ignored in a rush to convince the public that the initiative is the right way to go. 5. Who in government and in the private sector will benefit financially from this initiative? The public should be made aware of this and any other conflicts of interest that may be presented. 6. From what I understand, the utility industry knows that it is not ready for such an aggressive mandate, but is fearful of the backlash that can be expected if those officials were to speak out. 7. What processes have the government put into place to handle problems -- from an individual perspective, societal perspective and an environmental perspective? 8. Will the government compensate individuals for the value of their gas powered vehicles when they can no longer be used? What will happen to all these vehicles? Will they live on somewhere in Africa or the Middle East? Who will profit from this event? 9. What will the government do to mediate the significant environmental problems that will result when the gas stations will need to close or retool? The cost of removing the buried fuel tanks and remediation of the surrounding soil will be extraordinary. Each gas station may need to be declared a Super-Fund site. Tax payers and voters will not be happy to shoulder such tremendous expense without seeing much if any benefit. Please reconsider and cancel this short-sighted mandate. While citizens should be free to purchase and use electric vehicles, a mandate is the wrong way to go in our Nation.