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

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Comments:

The purpose of electric vehicles is to help reduce the dependency on gasoline. It is also thought that electric vehicles are better for the environment....which studies have shown is not true. From the dangerous materials that are mined to make the batteries to the difficulty of recycling the vehicle batteries....electric vehicles are currently not better for the environment, but do help with peoples cost of gasoline. However, current vehicle prices of electric vehicles are a lot higher than their gasoline counterparts. This does not always allow for a cost savings to the consumer. I 100% agree and support the actual experimentation with reducing gas dependency as well as making other viable motorvehicle options. I do not support the idea to force consumers to buy electric over gasoline at this time. When production and recycling aspects of electric and other ZEV becomes cleaner and better for the environment then I still would not support a movement to make a certain percentage of sales required to be ZEV. If the product of a ZEV is better all around and a reasonable cost, the average consumer will naturally gravitate on their own toward that type of product and I would wager that a larger percentage of people would go that route. I believe there are resources to make electric or other zev that will start to get depleted over time, so the better option is to spread out the resources that are used to all kinds of elements vs. forcing one type of vehicle on the consumer. Instead of requiring a certain percentage of vehicle sales to be zev, why not make it more of an incentive for people to purchase this type of product vs. forcing it on the public. The question to be asked, is why is this proposal being made and does it really achieve the intended outcome?