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

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Comments:

With genuine respect for the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and its mission, I oppose the EV mandate simply for what it is—a grave infringement on my Constitutional rights as a US citizen. The government cannot dictate what house I buy or clothes I wear and so forth. By mandating what type of vehicle I purchase will only lend itself to additional mandates that will destroy the freedoms our country was founded on. If we citizens allow the government to gain control over the purchases we make, we will lose the ability to make choices in our best interests. Additionally, although the proposed EV mandate may have good intentions in reducing carbon emissions, EVs will lead to other environmental problems related to their production, operation, and lack of infrastructure to support their widespread use. New technologies will also be sure to emerge that further consider the negative impacts on the environment. Nevertheless, efforts to reduce the human impact on our environment must involve global efforts that result in changes to human behavior. History has proven this cannot be done through force or mandate. It is the freedom to choose which has always led to the greatest change.