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

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As an older individual of this community, the cost of an electric vehicle would be too great for those who rely on Social Security or pension for their income. Additionally, there seems to be a little benefit from this type of vehicles. With the increase emissions that come from the batteries required to run the vehicle there is still danger of increase CO2 E and byproducts of the lithium and other minerals and metals required to process the batteries. As these substances release dangers, there is increased risk for human side effects, water pollution, decrease crop production and killing of wildlife. These vehicles are also noted to have tires that wear out around 30,000 miles, and produce excessive friction which cost tiny particles to be released, making those toxins worse than any exhaust that could be admitted from a gas powered car. There is also a notable amount of waste that the ER IA reports in the conversion process, and overall loss of power due to inefficiencies during transmission. One also needs to take into consideration, weather related changes when using clean sources of electricity, solar wind, or Hydro power that are reliant on unstable weather patterns. One also needs to look at where some of these rare minerals and metals maybe coming from with your other countries that I have a tendency to use child slave labor, as well as have poor working conditions. Therefore, it is my desire to be able to continue with my gas powered vehicle, and I vote against any electric vehicle's being mandated.