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

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Comments:

I am against the electric vehicle mandate. Electric vehicles are unaffordable to begin with, especially when you factor in the cost of a replacement battery when the battery dies. There's also the added cost of having a charging station installed at your home. This mandate would make gas powered vehicles unaffordable as well. The price of used gas powered vehicles would increase significantly due to supply and demand. Replacement parts for gas powered vehicles would also increase, and over time it would become harder to find an auto repair shop to complete repairs on gas powered vehicles. This mandate would make car ownership unattainable for many Delawareans, and in Sussex County there are not a lot of options for public transportation. Electric vehicles also present a safety hazard. There have been many cases of the batteries catching on fire, and the fire burns very hot and can't be extinguished- it has to burn out which takes time. If that were to happen near a field or woods this could quickly be out of control. Putting aside the affordability issues and the financial strain this mandate would cause, the fact is that our power grid cannot handle widespread electric vehicle ownership, and it still will not be capable in 2035.