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

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We are not in favor of any regulatory mandate that has not gone through the legislature and become law. Implementation of this mandate as proposed will have a significant impact on the citizens of Delaware - especially senior citizens. As Senior citizens we have older vehicles, which will eventually need to be replaced. It is our concern that we may not be able to obtain used gas-powered vehicles. Being on a fixed income there is no way we can afford an electric vehicle. Even if we could purchase a used electric vehicle, we may be having to replace the battery and it is our understanding that at this time it is an extreme expense. We also live in the in the country (9 miles from nearest town) and are subject to power outages - the use of this type of vehicle could leave us stranded. We are not sure what the cost of a charging unit and installation of such will be and how much this will increase our electric bill. Furthermore, we understand that some insurance companies will not cover the cost of a fire claim if the vehicle is charged inside the garage and is the cause of the fire. This would mean that we would have to park any electric vehicle outside to be charged regardless of weather conditions. Again, as being senior citizens, this could be a hazard to us due to weather. We have no problem with electric vehicles being purchased if an individual chooses to buy one - but to force us to buy one takes away our right to choose and goes against our constitutional rights. thank you for your attention to our concerns. Lee and Margaret Dean