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

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I am writing to express my concerns regarding the rapid timeline dictating the dealership EV inventory target mandate. I am also concerned about the timing to discontinue sales of both new and used gas combustion vehicles.

1. I encourage further evaluation and implementation of infrastructure to support this move.
2. Like many suburbs built in the 1960s, our house has aluminum wiring. The house was not built for automobile battery charging. In fact, lights may flicker when a circuit is overloaded.
3. The fire hazard for EV vehicles including bicycles is risky.
4. Most importantly, the cost of Electric Vehicles is prohibitive to many Delawareans. A two adult household would need two vehicles. This year, Kelley Blue Book cites an average cost of \$61,000 for an EV vehicle compared to \$48,000. This is compared to an 2021 \$72,000 Delaware average household income. Current new car loan rates are running 6%. Consumers are moving towards longer loan periods including 7 year loans. An 8 year battery life of an EV reduces the resale value when compared to combustion engines. This makes the difference in price more even more prohibitive. Consumers could be laying on cars longer than their car's life span. And the used car market would make those at lower income levels would be less able to afford a car. Thank you kindly.