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

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Please reconsider mandating electric vehicles. I am strongly against this law especially at this time. We should have freedom of choice as consumers. America was founded on freedom of choice and that is why I am proud to live in America. Additionally, I do not think vastly increasing the number of electric vehicles in Delaware will be feasible this quickly. I currently live in an apartment complex that does not have any access to electric charging for cars, and the current parking layout would make setting up charging stations very challenging. I only know of one brand new charging station in my area. There is no way that small charging station is enough to serve the densely populated area where I live in upstate Delaware if this law passes. In addition, there are also not very many mechanics that are trained in electric vehicle maintenance, and it is also very dangerous to work on these vehicles making it less appealing to be trained. There are clearly not enough resources to maintain and charge a vast increase of electric vehicles in Delaware if this law passes. Throughout history, transportation methods have changed over time without utilizing mandates. As electric cars have and may continue to grow in popularity over time, resources to maintain them gradually will as well. Please consider opting to let this transition happen naturally if it's going to, rather than forcing it. I work at a hospital as a nurse and it is very important to me that I have reliable transportation to work. I am not confident that I would have enough resources available in my current residence to charge and properly maintain an electric vehicle at this time. Thank you for taking time to hear my voice.