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My name is Anne Kirby, I live in New Castle County and I am representing Green Building United and I am the Private Sector Chair of the Delaware Energy Services Coalition.

My brother developed lung cancer at age 47, and at age 50 he took his last breath. He was a never smoker and an extraordinarily fit and vibrant man. We will never know for sure why cancer invaded his lungs, but we do know that risk factors include air pollutants. I also know that now me and my family members are considered genetically predisposed for developing lung cancer. The air quality of the state where I live is exceedingly important to me. I hear people speak of the improved air quality in Delaware, and I am frankly offended that this claim is somehow offered as evidence that our air quality is good. It only means that in the past it was worse.

Our work is far from done, especially as our population continues to grow, and the number of vehicles on our roads contribute to increased particulates and air pollution. Which in turn means there will be more victims of asthma, respiratory conditions, cancer, and other health issues.

I have personal aspirations to be a part of the solution and to limit my impacts, which is why I made it a goal to make my last vehicle purchase an electric vehicle. I had to drive an hour out of state to make my purchase. Most people will not make that effort. A recent study showed that 53% of people are considering an EV for their next automobile purchase. That is right now, in 2023. That number will continue to increase, and we want people to purchase those vehicles in Delaware. The more people realize the money they can save driving an EV due to both the lack of moving parts and the lower cost of electricity as compared to gasoline, the greater the demand will rise. Being able to see the EV options and purchase locally will further increase demand. If they are available for car buyers, they will buy them. Market proliferation is inevitable.

The Department of Natural Resources has a duty, actually is required, to assure we continue to work toward improving our air quality. The Advanced Clean Cars 2 program is a common sense program. Our Governor supports this program. I strongly encourage DNREC to adopt ACC2.