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Comments:

I oppose the regulation and request it be remanded for further consideration. I do not oppose fair competition and free markets; however, I do oppose regulatory mandates that reset free markets and eliminate consumer choice. Further, because a regulation in a state who's (poor) economy is among the largest in the world has been implemented in California, does not mean it is applicable to our small and limited state of Delaware. Our culture, our economy, our environment, our resources, our needs and our size on not the same. The rule seems to rely on "if ok there, its ok here". Second, the rule will cause unfair and disproportional harm to many in the working class, their employment, and their ability compete. This rule will not affect the "elite" or the urban underprivileged or subsidized class, it will only affect hard working blue collar and middle class Delawarean's, small businesses having to pay for such change, and those who rely on their "older model yet inexpensive vehicles" to support their families. Further it put Delaware small businesses at an economic disadvantage to other regions state businesses. In addition, the timeline of compliance is too short for planning and too short for the market to meet demand with supply as well as the reality that, there still in 2023 is not an infrastructure to support this initiative nor assured electric generation supply available to support the infrastructure. Basically, this regulation has no transition plan and no path that is assured to be unharmed for Delawareans to transition toward. Finally, this rule could not come at a worse time when climate policy has already crippled the economy where a recession is inevitable, if not already in progress and we have Congress facing a debt crisis. A time when small business and Delawarean's are already hurting and already near extreme economic hardship, yet our legislature and DNREC seems oblivious to reality and the effect on our citizens in leu of following the Administrations climate goals, whether it is feasible or not. I do not believe a true evaluation has been conducted or that the true cost and benefit analysis with real life sensitivity study has been done that make this regulation "ready to be considered. Lastly, unlike setting renewable portfolio standards where our electric generators must buy and sell to maintain mandated ratios, that same compliance concept makes no sense for small businesses or for individual consumers. Than you, My request to stay the vote and remand back to legislature and DNREC for further risk analysis, cost benefit analysis, implementation analysis, and to develop a clear-cut plan on how Delawarean's can transition and can comply.