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

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Comments:

I have to oppose the current DNREC proposal on adopting California's zero-emission vehicle standards. The negative economic impact this mandate will have on individuals and businesses is hard to calculate. Independently-owned vehicle repair shops will likely go out of business. Electric rates will rise for individual homes and for businesses. More fossil fuels will be needed to generate the electricity required. There will be less fuel taxes collected into the Transportation Trust Fund, thus jeopardizing future road improvements. The cost to purchase a new vehicle will dramatically rise as EVs are priced \$10,000 more than the automobile industry average. Once the 100,000 miles warranty for a battery expires, a replacement can cost upwards of \$16,000, if a replacement can be found. Currently there is no way to recycle the batteries or to properly dispose of them. Additionally, the infrastructure is not currently in place to accommodate this regulation, nor will it likely be in place by 2035. Convenient stores such as Wawa and Royal Farms will have to completely revamp their layout. Residents in urban areas may not have access to charging stations unless cities install them at each parking location. Businesses and individuals will have the added cost of installing charging stations. If Delaware adopts this new vehicle standard will there be plans in place for out of state cars traveling into Delaware. Delaware is dependent on tourism for its economic health. Adopting this new vehicle standard unfairly burdens Delaware residents while allowing out of state visitors to travel throughout our state and not being held to the same standards. Has the state even considered the economic impact for low income families. Has the state figured out how it will fund replacing all state vehicles with EVs. This cost will fall of the shoulders of taxpayers who will be struggling to pay for their own overpriced EV. There are so many unanswered questions that need answered prior to adopting these vehicle standards.