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

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Comments:

Dear Hearing Officer Newman, I am writing to express my opposition to DNREC's EV Sales Mandate. As Americans we should have the choice to choose between gasoline and electric vehicles. My parents came from a communist country in the 1970's, and they came to and stayed in America because they wanted to have more choices and more freedoms. One of the beautiful things about our society here is that we have lots of choices. A mandate like this goes against what America stands for. Not to mention, we are nowhere near ready for these types of changes. There are very few charging stations and batteries still take hours to charge. When a battery stops working in an EV, it is prohibitively expensive to replace it. In the midst of the economic and financial problems currently facing this country, this is the last type of mandate we need. Who can afford these types of vehicles which are more a luxury item? As an attorney, licensed in 2 states close by, I am appalled by the inclination of politicians and agencies to implement such mandates. America's uniqueness as a country was based on our Constitution. That document affords us many rights and freedoms. It seems these days most people want to limit those freedoms and rights, rather than to preserve them. Implementing a mandate like this would be another example of such alarming trends we have seen in recent years. Finally, how is this mandate even constitutional? I question how an Executive branch Agency such as DNREC has the right to force through such a mandate onto the general population? I thought the reason we had a Legislature was to enact laws and to represent the views of the people, its constituents. Agencies like this should not be usurping the powers enacted and given to the Legislative branch. Please do not push through this mandate on us. It is antithetical to everything we stand for as Americans and Delawareans. Thank you for taking these comments into consideration. --Ksenija V. Milutinovic, Esq.