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

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The state of Delaware was not constituted to continually alter the rights of citizens. This Zero Emission Vehicle is a perfect example of government overreach or socialism. Indeed, elected members of the Delaware legislature need to better understand how to protect and defend the current rights of the state's citizens. Legislating that the citizens of Delaware must follow the political dictates of California's legislators is absurd. Absolute apples and oranges. Delaware and California are completely different entities confronting vastly different issues. Climate change has been part and parcel of the earth's history since day one. That will never cease. Please do not expect me to believe that my state government can now legislate the complete abandonment of fossil fuel for electricity. The more varied our energy portfolio the better suited we are to move forward. All eggs in one energy basket is not good economics. Thus, I am totally opposed to the Zero Emissions Vehicle proposal for the state of Delaware. This is a rush to judgement. If legislators want to favor ZEV's they should be designing an alternative transportation system which is founded on electricity. For example, let the state of Delaware feature the first all above ground mass transit system such as a monorail. It would constitute a huge leap forward. Furthermore, making laws which tell people they can only buy electric vehicles is short-sighted and will only continue to encourage every person to have a vehicle. The long sight is to sell mass transit to the majority of citizens. Stop with the overbearing barrage of electric energy legislation. Stop stepping on our toes. Come up with something as a viable alternative of transportation based on electricity. Spend our tax money on transportation not legislation. Sincerely, Steven J. Garbini