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

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Comments:

I write this as both a concerned lifelong citizen and taxpayer of the state of Delaware and as the Controller of Bayshore Ford where we employ approximately 150 people who depend on the continued stability and success of our business for their livelihood. I personally can't believe that government officials of the state of Delaware who must surely recognize the median income level of the residents of this state are considering implementing a mandate that would cripple most of the working productive class. And that's just the personal consideration of the cost of obtaining one of these vehicles; that's not to mention the cost involved in upkeep and maintaining them - the infrastructure they may have to put in place at their own homes or would not even be able to considering most don't own their own homes. Being the Controller of one of the largest dealerships in the state, the cost of adjusting to this forced change to our dealership would also negatively impact our ability to maintain the level of commitment we have been able to consistently deliver to reinvesting in our employees as we instead would be forced to stock units that would undoubtedly not sell as our Delaware residents would still be able to travel to surrounding states to purchase the vehicles they prefer while leaving us with aging inventory and rising interest costs. None of this would be beneficial, cost-effective or in the best interest of Delaware residents or the business owners that employ those residents.