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

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Comments:

I have several concerns around the proposed low emission vehicle mandate as well as the push to have Delaware be a California ZEV state. Charging continues to be a challenge and although it is evolving the infrastructure must grow in ways that are going to take time, especially when it comes to the power companies and what they will have to do to increase capacities, lines, transformers, etc. The cost of an EV is also a big concern as the average EV typically costs around 15k more than the typical ICE vehicle. Some families and individuals just can't afford that much money for transportation. Last and most importantly we do not need to follow a California ZEV mandate. The automobile manufacturers will produce plenty of available EV models over the next several years. Availability will not be an issue, all Dealers in our state will have them for sale. We should not adopt a plan that forces us to sell a certain percentage which could be damaging to the Delaware Dealers if we are forced to stock and sell what the general public does not want to buy. We should rather take an approach of letting the EV infrastructure evolve naturally while the power companies deal with the upgrades that will need to happen to the grid and lines etc. We need to promote low emission programs but not force them based on California which is radically different from our state.