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Gentlemen,

As a 20-year resident, I am opposed to the aggressive Zero Emission Standard.

While I appreciate the optimistic effort to continually reduce overall emissions, I believe this present Zero Emission effort may be largely motivated by factors external to the root issue. Certainly, it is being driven ahead of appropriate test and evaluation and growth of support infrastructure.

The Standard does not meet the needs of many citizens in semi-rural areas within this state for reliability and low cost of operation over 200K-300K life expectancy of a significant household investment in a vehicle, often with need for resistance to marine or agricultural environments, and with needed support capability for regular towing and hauling.

In addition, there are infrastructure modifications needed to existing homes and power grids that are currently not well-advertised along with this bill, that will drive up the overall cost of vehicle ownership and taxes. Failure to properly educate the public will surface as consumer/homeowner safety issues should this program be forced into existence without all aspects being properly addressed.

Perhaps offering better incentives for zero-emission vehicle purchases where warranted is more realistic until these vehicles are better-tested and cost begins to decrease and safety issues are ironed out over a longer period of time. Pressing this aggressive agenda as presently proposed is likely to produce unwanted hurdles and back-tracking of efforts for the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Regards,

John McNelia