Concern over Adoption o California Low Emissions Program

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Good afternoon,

I attended a virtual meeting this week and appreciate the work your team has done on this issue and understand cleaner air is a federal mandate. However, I disagree with the plan to adopt California's more stringent regs for many reasons.

- It is not working in CA. Nor is it working in other countries. Countries working to improve the environment are being unfairly punished with the expense and restrictions to compensate for other polluting countries.
- The cost is prohibitive to the average DE citizen. The regulation should not dictate what we drive. Government already has too much control in many other aspects of our lives.
- Delaware's power grid cannot support EVs. It was stated that power companies are addressing this, but the timeline does not seem realistic.
- Imagine a road trip. Based on the length of time it takes to charge a vehicle and the short travel distance between charges, it will increase overnight travel costs for families who are already living on credit cards and paycheck to paycheck due to bad governmental decisions and lack of common sense.
- What happens when an accident shuts down a highway or interstate for hours? We've been in that situation. Who is going to rescue all the stranded families whose charge is depleted?
- Has disposal of the toxic/costly batteries been considered? Plus, no one will be able to afford to replace one.
- Where are the materials coming from to make the batteries? U.S. or a foreign country so raw materials will cost a fortune? Lithium prices have already increased significantly. Since the President wants to eliminate fossil fuels, how will batteries be made?
- What about the companies and source materials they must use to make electricity?

A common sense solution would be more hybrids while the infrastructure is built and other fuel options are developed and/or made ready for production. Adopt minimum Federal Regs for the interim vs California's. Let it be a natural evolution vs "shoving it down the throats" of Delaware citizens.

Thank you for reading and the option to provide input.

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