Delaware Low Emission Vehicle Program

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Dear Mr. Krall, I strongly oppose this change in law because of several reasons, one being the impact it will have on our ever increasing minority population. With the influx of migrants coming into our country with just the clothes on their backs, the immediate needs are obvious, and the longer term needs will be finding modes of transportation to join our work force. Theses modes of transportation will be much older cars that unfortunately have higher emissions. This is true also for the existing 34% Black/Hispanic/Latino population that cannot afford higher priced new zero emission vehicles and the associated new car insurance premiums, and installing charging stations at home.

I am aware an indept analysis of our grid capability needs to be done, especially if we go to zero emission vehicles. The increased peak and off peak electric requirements will be large. Imagine all the people coming home on a hot summer evening, turning up their air conditioners and needing to plug in their cars to get to work the next day. The plug in requirements are for 40 or 50 amp double pole breakers, similar to your electric dryer, but running for HOURS!!

A HYBRID vehicle will accomplish a large reduction in emissions as it self charges while being driven say 35 miles and then will need to use gasoline. All local driving should fit into these 35 miles, but only those with substantial savings will be able to afford the $50000+ price tags and all are awaiting availability due to chip and battery shortages from CHINA! how is this helping our United States economy? 2021 statistics show the median income in Delaware to be about $38,900 per capita income. After food and housing needs, there is not enough money remaining to purchase a zero emission or any new vehicle.

For the influx of retirees coming into Delaware, many already have a hybrid and some have Teslas.

Some suggestions: there are current requirements for low or zero emission vehicles for public employees, such as our police. What about postal employees and Amazon delivery vehicles. Their cost should be passed onto the manufacturer profits there are selling. Also I did not see any mention of zero or even low emission requirements for GARBAGE COLLECTION VEHICLES! These trucks come on a weekly scheduled basis and many can be seen spewing black smoke into the air. Also, what about road repair vehicles such as street pavers and asphalt and cement trucks. With all the money our administration wants to put into our country's transportation, a tax relief for contractor's that would be applied to zero or low emission heavy trucks need to be developed.

Thank you for your service to our State and I hope this adaption is struck down as we do more diligence and research.

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