

Public Comment on Low Emission Vehicle Amendments

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Hello Kyle,

Attached are public comments to be submitted on behalf of A Better Delaware to the Division of Air Quality/Natural Resources and Environmental Control's public meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 regarding amendments to 7 DE admin. Code 1140, DE low emission vehicle program public workshop 1.

Thank you,

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A Better Delaware is opposed to the eventual ban on new gasoline- and diesel-powered vehicles from being registered in the state. We believe it is premature to consider these regulations as the California ban on internal combustion engines has been challenged in court by 17 states, mostly in the Midwest. The Missouri State Attorney General commented, “If California can set restrictive ‘gas emissions’ standards, manufacturing becomes astronomically expensive, and those additional costs are passed onto consumers, many of which are Missourians.”

If Delaware adopts such standards, expect consumer costs to skyrocket since the cost of transportation affects virtually everything that consumers purchase. But also expect state taxes to skyrocket. The Associated Press laments that these changes in state regulations will require many more charging stations than gasoline stations as it takes much longer to charge an electric vehicle. It will require a more robust energy grid to support the electric chargers, and it will require extensive subsidies to make these electric cars affordable to a large majority of citizens.

Given that carbon dioxide is a life-affirming gas and that electric batteries are not green and require much energy, largely fossil-fuel based, to produce, this is not a viable economic and environmental choice. Moreover, since the California ban is being actively addressed in the courts, we should study the arguments of both sides and hold off on pushing this into State policy until more information and a court decision can be brought to bear.

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