

Low Emission Vehicle Amendment

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Dear Mr. Krall -

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to the Low Emission Vehicle Amendment. As you probably are aware, the highest air quality monitoring station in New Castle County now is 65 PPB, lower than the 70 PPB EPA standard. Furthermore, the ten closest upwind monitoring stations are also now in EPA compliance, negating any reason to mandate electric vehicles throughout Delaware due to EPA regulations.

In addition, total Delaware emissions from highway vehicles and large New Castle County point sources have dropped approximately 40% since 2017, and greater than 80% since 1990. Emissions will continue to fall as older vehicles leave the fleet.

Finally, the cost of electric vehicles are approximately \$14,000 greater than gas vehicles, making the passing of this amendment grossly regressive towards low and middle-income families, furthering economic hardship and wealth disparity in our state.

Therefore, I strongly urge DNREC to make the case to the EPA that New Castle County should be removed from the Philadelphia Non-attainment area and be found in attainment as the above results clearly indicate, negating the necessity of forcing the entire public to purchase only electric vehicles in the near future.

I appreciate your consideration of my points above.

Best Regards,

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