

Public Comments on ACC2 Program for Delaware

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Mr Kyle Krall,

I'm a lifelong Delawarean. I used to live on Rt. 301 just north of Armstrong Corner, so I'm used to some traffic noise. When the 301 bypass went through, I had to move, so I bought a home that backs onto Rt. 13 just north of Spring Meadow. When I first purchased and moved in in late 2009, there was a blinking red light and little traffic. The noise was comparable to my experience of living on Rt. 301 since 1989.

I had to leave Delaware in 2012 and spent nine years living in Kansas. I maintained ownership of my home in Delaware and was able to move back in when my family left Kansas in 2021 to come back home to Delaware. In that span of time, the blinking light had become a regular stop light, and traffic load had increased at least twofold. Because there is now a stoplight and a lot more traffic, the noise behind my home has become unbearable. People modify their motorcycles and trucks and cars to emit more noise, smoke, light, or music, sometimes all at once. Some people purposefully make their engines backfire, which sounds a lot like random gunshots when you're in your home enjoying dinner. Sometimes we can't hear the TV in the basement due to all the noise.

A switch to EV vehicles would not only help with air pollution, it will help with noise pollution as well. The few electric cars that are on the road are very quiet. Everyone deserves a quiet, peaceful respite in their homes and yards, and a switch to EV would help encourage this.

Thank you.

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