

Public Comments on ACC2 Program for Delaware

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Mr Kyle Krall,

Dear DNREC and Governor Carney,

Thank you to Governor Carney for the announcement on March 3 of this year that Delaware should move forward with adopting the full Advanced Clean Cars program.

As Governor Carney said then, 'By creating a better environment for the sale and purchase of electric vehicles, and aligning the environment with massive investments in infrastructure from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, we will create a positive electric vehicle future in our state.'

I want to urge you to follow through now on that commitment since California has approved ACCII as of August 25, just a few short weeks ago.

The program addresses the climate crisis by reducing greenhouse gas emissions through the transition to requiring 100% of new cars to be zero-emission small and light-duty vehicles by 2035. 70% of transportation greenhouse gas emissions come from passenger cars and trucks.

This shift also addresses the serious health impacts from smog and other tailpipe pollution like asthma, cardiovascular disease, impaired lung development in children, and preterm and low-birthweight infants, for all Delawareans but particularly disadvantaged communities. The ACC2 also includes improvements in the air quality standards that protect our health.

A 2022 American Lung Association report found that a nationwide shift to electric cars, buses, and heavy-duty trucks, backed by increasing levels of clean, non-combustion renewable energy, will save 111,000 lives, prevent 2.7 million asthma attacks and create \$1.2 trillion in public health benefits by 2050.

Delaware drivers deserve to have access to these clean, money-saving, health protecting vehicles that are almost completely unavailable from Delaware dealers until we join this program.

Don't let the opposition's misrepresentations get in the way of this important opportunity.

The many benefits are compelling and I look forward to you adopting the ACC2 program before the end of 2022.

Thank you for your consideration.

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