

October 8, 2013

Ali Mirzakhilili, Division Director
Division of Air Quality
Delaware Dept. of Natural Resources and Environmental Control
655 South Bay Road, Suite 5N
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Re: Delaware Proposed Adoption of the Low Emission Vehicle Program

Dear Mr. Mirzakhilili:

I am writing in response to the public hearing held on September 23rd of this year, regarding the adoption of the California Low Emission Vehicle Program, LEV III.

I attended the meeting and was impressed with the lack of good data presented. The direction being set for air quality seemed to be less fact driven and more driven by a set of beliefs not supported by good science. Claims were made that were challenged by recent studies and those challenges were ignored or demeaned in such a way as to leave no real doubt that your office is not really considering facts but has an agenda based on your personal beliefs and you are not really trying to serve the people of Delaware.

I was also surprised that your staff had such a minimal understanding of the basics of economics. When asked about where tax credits really came from they seem confused and were unable to answer the most basic questions. They refused to acknowledge that the only real source of funds were the people (that would be taxpayers) that paid for all government spending. When commenting on the "free extended warranty" that is part of the regulation your staff seemed unwilling to admit that the cost of this extended warranty was not free but would just be added to the cost of the new car. This disconnect for basic economics would lead any unbiased observer to conclude that none of your data can be trusted since it is based on a common misconception that the government has "free money" to give out as credits.

Perhaps you should review one of the basic principles of capitalism and a free market – "if you build a better mouse trap the world will beat a path to your door". Your effort to force us to buy an expensive and less desirable mouse trap can only be supported by regulations that limit the people of Delaware in their choice of what they can buy. Let the free market decide and stop trying to control every aspect of our lives.

I do not support this new regulation and I request that you consider the will of the people of Delaware that your office is charged to serve rather than the small group of environmental activists who seem to carry more weight with your office.

Sincerely,

Steve Wright