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I do not support an EV mandate for the state of Delaware. Something that so broadly changes our lives and invades our privacy should not be done by a mandate from the Governor but through our elected Representatives in the State legislature. I have many questions and concerns that I know I'm not alone in. Below are but a few. How much more fossil fuels will need to be burned in order to handle the load on our electrical grid once hundreds of thousands of vehicles "plug" into the system and how will this affect greenhouse gases and electric costs to consumers? How will our existing infrastructure be upgraded to handle the additional load? Are "rolling blackouts" foreseen in our future as happens in the State of California? How will the lithium batteries be disposed of and what type of environmental concerns are associated with thousands of spent lithium batteries in our landfills? What will people who live in apartments, townhouses, and city blocks, all without garages do to charge vehicles that sometimes can take hours to fully charge; What about households who have multiple drivers? Can multiple charging ports be installed at the same home and how much will that cost average households; How will Delaware tax revenue be affected by the tax credits for the purchase of EVs; Will laws/regulations around car sales in the state need to be addressed by the legislature? As I'm sure you know, right now you cannot buy a Tesla in the State of Delaware. How will this mandate affect small businesses who use heavy-duty trucks to deliver goods or haul materials, equipment, debris, etc.? Electric trucks could never, at the stage the technology is at now, pull tonnage like internal combustion engine trucks do now. I did not choose to live in the state of California for a reason. If I wanted to live under such progressive, nonsensical policies and edicts I could move there. The bottom line is the government should not be forcing products onto consumers. It's unconstitutional and just plain wrong. Let the technology guide us there naturally otherwise we're just causing more problems to be handled in the future for no reason whatsoever - unless \$15 Million in federal dollars over 5 years is really that important. I just don't see it.