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I am writing in **opposition** to the Electric Vehicle mandate being formulated by DNREC. I believe this move oversteps the legal authority of the Governor to mandate something this extreme to force all citizens to buy electric vehicles. Something this impacting should be taken up but the representatives of the people of Delaware and not determined by one individual. This cannot be constitutional.

We have been told that this mandate is not being imposed on the citizens of Delaware but that is not true. By imposing this requirement on auto manufactures by 2035 this will leave no alternative for people to buy anything else so you are in effect, imposing it on the citizens. The DNREC secretary stated this past week that this is being market driven, but that again is not true. If you are forcing the mandate on the manufacturers you are driving the market. I also see that there is a bill about to be introduced that will move up the dates of these requirements to 2030. That is absurd. We don't have any infrastructure in place and there is no way to have it ready in time, to include the electric grid capable of handling all of this. California laws are referenced in many of the details of this regulation but I don't want to become California. They can't handle the electric loads that they have now and require citizens not to use electricity at certain times of the day, even to charge their cars. Is Delaware going to have rolling brown outs of electric during peak times if we can't handle the demand? We already have that to some extent during hot summer days when we are asked to curtail usage.

Do we really think that the use of electric vehicles will be any cleaner. When you look at the entire cycle of producing an electric vehicle from the strip mining of ore, to the development of the batteries, to the life cycle and disposal of the batteries, it actually is not any cleaner. What becomes of the batteries when they are done. How do you disposed of them since they are toxic. Not to mention the use of child labor in many of these foreign countries to mine the ore. Also, how will the electric be generated

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to charge the cars. The last I checked, we still use coal and fossil fuels for the power plants.

As far as climate is concerned, Delaware is under many of the limits for pollutants when we stand alone. I don't know why we are included with the likes of Pennsylvania and New Jersey. We could get to zero pollutants and still have no impact on the region. The same goes for the planet. If China and India are not part of this climate change program, the US could go to zero and have no impact on the world climate. This is just ridiculous. Climate has always changed and will continue to change no matter what we do.

Finally, as an American, I have a right to choose how I want to live. If people want to purchase electric vehicles, they should be free to do so. If I choose to buy a combustion engine car, I too should be free to do so also. Since the beginning of Covid, these government mandates and executive orders have gotten out of hand. The Governor continues to extend executive orders for Covid even though the President even admits the Covid emergency is over. Time for us to stop and get back to regular order.

No to the EV Mandate.