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Comments:

The phasing out of the ability to buy combustion engine cars at such an accelerated point in our future does not meet the standards test of supply and demand without creating a false narrative. The power grid in Delaware draws power from other states and though we do not have major outages at this time an increased burden on the grid will be caused by the requirement to purchase ev vehicles. The infrastructure to support an increased EV vehicle increase in Delaware does not exist at this time which will cause a 70's gas line issue for electric charged vehicles. The waste from the electric cars is toxic in the form of batteries, the chemicals required poison the earth. The replacement of batteries that have died in an EV vehicle cost so much that the entire vehicle becomes a throw away, thusly creating another environmental hazard. All taxpayers will end up being struck with fees as a regulation such as this causes infrastructure growth when not all taxpayers wish for this to occur. The cost of an EV vehicle make them unattainable by a majority of middle and low income households. The driving narrative is air quality to which I would ask for air quality monitoring done and compared in our counties individually and not mandate a program that hurts the environment by destroying our soil and causing increased burden on the electric grid.