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Dear Ms. Newman,

Mandating an EV regulation through DNREC is not only wrong, its unconstitutional.

Let me list some of the reasons mandating EV is wrong

- There is no safe environmentally sound way to dispose of or recycle spent EV Batteries. How and where will this be done safely without pollution
- The trace minerals ~~from~~ come from China to make the batteries. We are basically in a cold war with China. If these minerals cannot be obtained except through China they could stop the supply at any time like they have done with medicine for example.
- Delaware is already fully compliant with Environmental Protection Agency Standards. Our power grid is supplied 25% by wind and solar and currently can't support all our electric power needs. Over Christmas 2022 Lewis BPW sent out a notice to cut back

electric use due to the cold. In the summer
DPL and Lewes BPW plead for lower
electric consumption during "Peak" hours.

- Where is the extra power going to come from to
power EV's? The explanation of Wind
Turbines in the Ocean off New Jersey is
killing whales and dolphins.

- EV insurance is higher than gas powered
vehicles. This will hurt low income citizens,
and small businesses. Most Delawareans
cannot afford the price to purchase an EV
let alone the insurance.

- When EV Batteries die the car shuts down. You
cannot open the doors, glove compartment, or
compartment to charge the EV. So the EV
has to be towed. Towing for an EV is \$1000 to
\$1,200 where a gas vehicle is \$150. Big Difference.
If an EV is in a fire it will catch fire.

- Under Delaware's constitution Article 2 Section 1
"The legislative Power of the state shall be vested
in the general assembly, which shall consist
of a Senate and House of Representatives."

Mandating the purchase of anything but a
big ticket item like a vehicle, tramples our
rights and distorts our free market
system. IT IS UNAMERICAN!

There should be no government mandate to
purchase electric vehicles. This is
another way for government to control
Americans by restricting our freedom
to travel when and where we choose.

It also runs contrary to the Declaration of
Independence, you know to quote Biber
"the thing", viz, right to life, liberty and
the pursuit of happiness.

Say NO to EV mandates!

Sincerely
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