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Comments on 2022-R-A-0011: Low Emission Vehicle Program

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Organization: No- Just all sane people in this state who are taxpayers and who know the facts and not the lies.

Comments:

I attended a public meeting last week. It was widely populated by concerned citizens. The fire hall was filled to capacity. At the meeting, I estimate a minimum over 80-85% were against the Governor thinking that he can arbitrarily take such an action without allowing state citizens and our elected legislators to have input and vote on this life changing action. Most attendees want to make their own choice on vehicles that actually meet their lifestyle needs. At present time, the technology for EV's is just not there yet. There are far too many negatives regarding EV's, such as battery charge length and life, cost, disposal, vehicle capacity, size and functionality, charging station unavailability, costly taxpayer funded rebates, unrealistic ability to even use in many residential, urban and rural settings. Much of the Governor's issued misinformation did not adequately address how unfair this action is, nor was it fully truthful. * I am therefore taking time to let you know I do not support Governor Carney's initiative to ban sale of new gasoline and diesel vehicles. I see this as a Marxist overreach of any powers entrusted to him by the state constitution. The Governor's intentions to adopt California's Advanced Clean Car regulations (like that is a model state to follow?) would rapidly scale down sales and use of gas powered vehicles in Fall 2025. It would increase and mandate sale of EVs. Carney and DNREC's plan grossly oversells the functionality of hybrid and zero emission EVs which utilize electrically charged batteries. These new regulations would increase the number of EVs sold in the Delaware over the next 10 years. This is a pie the sky fictional tale of dictatorial madness. By Fall 2025, 35% new vehicles sold must be a zero-emission vehicle. By Fall 2030, 76% of all new vehicle sales must be ZEVs and by Fall 2034, 100%! The Governor is only one person in our state. He is not even asking for the legislator's votes and not even requiring agreement of residents via our votes. * Of the entire nation, DE is #49 with registered vehicles (followed by Alaska at bottom!) What we do is irrelevant. We have so few autos and only about 25% of the cars sold each year are new ones, with the used. We only have a population of 973K and only 763K of them adults, many of whom may not even drive because of age or choice. The 2020 Census says there are only 416K registered cars in the State of DE. Those facts alone support what an insignificant impact our state would have. We really should await the larger states with higher populations to test Liberal wacko California's EV theory. * The UD professor and Caesar Rodney Institute speakers at the recent public forum both clearly gave statistics that proved more and newer gasoline vehicles were purchased over the last 15-20 yrs and it had a dramatic effect on our environment. A 40-year review of Philadelphia area's Annual Air Quality Index shows a steady, dramatic improvement in air quality, which is now tremendously better, not worse. Fact is there are other non-vehicular pollutants far more damaging than CO2 from cars. DE does not have an air quality problem that we DE citizens cause. Even Gov. Carney says that 90% of any pollution in DE comes from PA, NJ, and MD. (FYI- No one at the meeting even mentioned I-95, Rt 301, or Rt1. If DE forces this mandate through, it obviously does not even apply to the millions of out of state cars that zoom through DE on these major arteries.) * What does this all mean for Delawareans who want to buy a new car? It means that we will no longer be allowed by John Carney or Delaware DNREC mandate to buy the car that we want, need, or can afford to fit our work and family lifestyle. Delaware Governor and government are literally "driving" citizens to move away (out of DE) to a "free" non-Marxist states like Florida, where we can exercise our God given (not Carney given) freedoms and rights. * The Governor's mandate and its promoters falsely claim the sale/ownership of used gasoline and diesel vehicles will be unaffected by the new rules. In actuality, the regulations include stricter emission standards for gas or diesel powered engine vehicles, imposing higher operating costs on owners, all to coerce (force) them to buy EVs. Used cars will also become more expensive as supply drops and demand increases. There is no doubt in my mind that Carney or his successor will dramatically increase the cost of gas per gallon (via tax) to force

citizens to capitulate to your draconian views. And I have not even mentioned the eventual disposal nightmare of 290+ million gas powered cars in the USA, as this contagion spreads! * The nation's infrastructure and Delaware's cannot presently handle an EV sales mandate. You are agreeing with California's mandate and that state is a hell hole spinning out of control. The present electric grid nation-wide, is not capable of providing power to an all EV economy, because the Biden administration and the Democrat Party have turned off the drilling and faucets that provide unlimited fossil fuel oil and gas for running our electrically powered plants. This EV Mandate plan is sheer insanity and not something that we the people will accept or allow. * The crowd in attendance at the meeting I attended was overwhelmingly against the mandate by Carney and his administration. They were NOT against EV technology, just against any kind of mandate, be it on car dealers, manufacturers or buyers. EVs are not the right choice for everyone. EV range, utility, and load-hauling capability remain limited for many citizens lives and professions. EVs cost way too much for many of us, and folks like me who live in high rise apartments, condos, or urban areas with on-street parking have no in-home charging options. My wife and I travel a lot and there is no way I am going to ever buy an EV that would require me to stop every 100-200 miles to recharge the battery. Additionally, these electric (or even hybrid) batteries are very costly to replace (like in the 10's of thousands of dollars) and because they use rare minerals in their manufacture, these EV batteries pose a terrible pollution and disposal problem at end of life. Currently, EVs that are involved in accidents are, in fact, being totaled and trashed because of them being unable to be repaired due to proprietary computer technology. * We consumers have the freedom to choose the vehicles that best meet our needs and financial means. When EV technology matures, prices moderate, and they become more attractive to citizens in 20-30 years, then maybe I will decide to buy one, but it will be MY decision NOT the Governor's or the state's or federal government's. * I implore you to back off. This is NOT what residents of Delaware want. We are free and intelligent people and it is OUR right, NOT YOURS to decide what kind of vehicle we will use. Meanwhile, I will do everything within my power to fight against this travesty and to share the truth with the many citizens who I know do not agree with the EV Mandate. Respectfully submitted, Gary Dunham 7 Rockford Road D11 Wilmington, DE 190806