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Comments:

I am not in support of this proposed regulation for several reasons. As a single female in her 40's living in a high rent and high housing area in Lewes, it is already a struggle to afford to pay bills to live. Housing costs have skyrocketed, buying simple supplies at Wal-mart such as trash bags, laundry detergent, soap, toothpaste, has all about doubled. Lewes BPW has increased their 'ready to serve' charges on utility bills and that is even before they actually charge you for what you have used. And of course everyone know gas prices have doubled. It won't matter if you use gas or electric to fuel up your car, it will all be too expensive eventually. BUT you can still buy a traditional gas vehicle for less than an electric vehicle. Mechanical services on a traditional gas vehicle is less expensive than mechanical services on an electric vehicle. Why would the State of Delaware force the working class, those who are looking for affordable housing, those who are on Section 8 voucher programs, those who are already struggling to feed their families with food stamps, those who work mainly in the hospitality industry working long hours and more than 5 days a week to make ends meet, to spend an astronomical amount of money to purchase an electric vehicle (the car probably costs more than most working class persons salaries), then pay ridiculous mechanics fees when the car needs serviced or god forbid it needs new batteries, and then pay increased household electric bills to 'fuel' up the vehicle. Oh and there is the issue of how long it takes to 'fuel' up the electric cars depending on what type of charger you have at your house or at the new electric gas stations - which there is a huge lack of in the State of Delaware. The working class will now have to be able to preschedule the electric charging because at a minimum with a Level 2 or is it a Level 3 charger, it takes 30 mins to 'fuel' up. The working class is already running around trying to drop kids off at daycare, then go to work, then run to Wal-mart to get diapers, then run back to daycare and get kids, and then possibly have to take other kids to sports practice or maybe to doctor appointment. How long does that mom have to sit in traffic doing all that running around, how long will the charge last on a cold winter day with freezing temperatures. Remember the cold temperatures drain battery life a lot quicker than normal 60/70 degree temps. If the mom is running low on 'electric fuel' is there a 'electric gas' station around on the back roads of Ellendale or Selbyville, or Lincoln, or western Sussex County at all. If that mom can find a electric gas station, does she have the availability to wait 30mins or longer to fuel up? What if she is trying to get to an interview for a job and the electric fueling up will make her late, can she blame it on the State? Because we all know, all our lives are hectic and busy and people will forget to 'fuel' up at home every night. If there isn't a quick easy fueling solution, the State will only be hurting the working class. And of course you have to have a charger at your house to fuel up. The most basic charger takes hours and hours to fuel the electric cars. If you want to fuel up quicker you have to upgrade and buy the Level 2 or 3 charger. But that is if the working class person can afford the 'quick' charger that doesn't come standard with the electric cars. Hope that person doesn't have an emergency like having to take their kids to the hospital and find that the car isn't charged and have to wait hours for it to get some juice to make it to the ER, where they could have just ran to gas station and did a quick 30 second dump and pump and off to ER. To the working class, those who work for tips, those who are a single parent household, those who are working 2+ jobs, those who live on one side of the county and work on the other side of the county, those who live in one county and drive to another county for work, to all of those who are struggling to pay their daily bills to live and eat with all the inflation and increase costs for all products and services, why would the State of Delaware mandate more expenses, more maintenance costs, more increased household living costs on those Delaware families and citizens. When the State of Delaware can make fast charging, under 10 mins, fill ups electric gas stations on every corner and on every back road of Delaware available, when a 'gallon' of electric is equal to or LESS than a gallon of gas, when the cost of replacing electric car batteries is

the same as replacing the transmission in a gas car, when the reliability of power and stamina of electric cars in the winter cold freezing temperatures is equal to that of a traditional gas car, when the State of Delaware strengthens and improves its electric power grid and doesn't ask people to conserve power during peak times, when the standard home electric car charging station is a Level 3 and doesn't cost extra to upgrade THEN you might actually find support for moving new vehicle purchases to electric cars. Forbes has a great article on the costs and issues of Level 1, 2 and 3 charging. <https://www.forbes.com/wheels/advice/ev-charging-levels/> Everyone cares about the environment, but we all really care about our wallets and families first. Who does the State of Delaware really care about?