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Comments:

Plans for eliminating sales of internal combustion engine cars for any time in the foreseeable future prematurely assume that the state's infrastructure and power grids will be able to handle an onslaught of thousands of EVs. Also premature is an assumption that EVs will be affordable and efficient enough to replace current vehicles that can travel long distances without refueling, can refuel in under ten minutes and have consumer appeal. Lastly, I doubt that the state is ready to accommodate the hazardous material waste that EVs will generate as their batteries need replacement. While I applaud the state's zeal in attaining the lowest possible carbon footprints, I believe that such sweeping and ambitious plans for eliminating internal combustion cars in favor of a state-mandated single choice undermines the automotive industry's own progress towards the timely development of cars that will have public appeal as well as undermining consumers themselves. To the latter point, I believe that Delaware consumers will seek car purchases in states without such heavy-handed mandates, thereby costing Delaware jobs and revenue.