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I am voicing my **STRONG** opposition to the planned EV Mandate. I'm saddened and angry that something that has so many societal burdens and unintended consequences is being mandated by the Governor versus being put through the legislative process where our elected officials who represent US (citizens of DE) could have a voice! Some of the unintended consequences are, but not limited to: 1) Impact to low income people/families due to EV costs (purchase and maintenance) 2) DE electric grid not prepared to handle the increased demand. There will not be enough public charging stations available 3) Higher auto/home insurance rates 4) EVs are heavier. There are safety concerns and potential for more death and injuries on the road 5) First responders not equipped with proper training and/or equipment to handle EV accidents and vehicle fires 6) A significant amount of water is needed to extinguish EV fires. Toxic chemical runoff is an environmental concern 7) Many people live in multi family units (apartments, condos etc). Their ability to charge their EV will be challenging 8) There will be a revenue loss from the gas tax. Something needs to replace it. 9) Making EVs/batteries actually creates more emissions/pollution. A dirty little secret no one talks about 10) EV batteries experience a significant degradation at 5 yrs. Their lifespan is only about 10 yrs. Disposing of all the EV batteries will be an environmental nightmare. Putting in place this EV mandate without carefully considering, understanding and planning for these and **MANY** other unintended consequences is **HIGHLY** irresponsible and quite frankly disrespectful to the tax paying citizens of Delaware. I'm hopeful that the Governor will reconsider the EV mandate he has planned and instead allow a legislative approach instead to ensure DE citizens feel fairly represented. Respectfully, Carol Thiele Rep