

To:
Governor John Carney
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Please help in these two important matters. We need enforcement of traffic laws in Delaware as outlined in report here. I just had a quick trip to Milton and back. My guess is that most of the vehicles were running 70 to 75 MPH. Just frightening.

We **DO NOT** need any part of a mandate for electric vehicles. You will easily be able to see why in this report. It would be nothing short of a total "**Nightmare**" for everyone.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Everett Bennett".

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Governor Carney,

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Please!

During a short few trips on March 28, I watched five people blast through RED lights. There were four that ran through STOP signs and I observed one person talking away on their handheld device. And while I was on Route 1, every car that I saw was speeding.

The serious accidents continue as a recent dump truck accident with entrapment caused road closings.



And on March 29, there is a report of another dump truck accident in New Castle County along with yet another Route One accident again with lane closures near Milford.



Rapidly deterioration of safety on Delaware highways is a huge concern and getting worse. The deplorable safety conditions allowed on Delaware Highways is not acceptable and needs an

immediate and concentrated effort to restore public adherence to Delaware Motor Vehicle laws.

As I was preparing this to be mailed, yet another serious accident in the Milford area was reported. This accident happened on the 113 ramp North of Milford. For some reason, people will run you off the road trying to get across the ramp first. On the North side of the ramp, there are no "Merge" signs and people just blast their way into the Route 1 Northbound traffic. It is a dangerous ramp.

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Your idea of an Electric Vehicle mandate (force feeding down people's throats) is an intolerable attack on the constituents of Delaware. Delaware is not a "Dictatorship" the last time I checked. There is nothing good about this. It will cause hardships, especially financial and operational and perhaps even their death if people should get caught in a burning EV car. I have provided additional information in the following pages. Nothing is convincing me that this a smart move. Quite the contrary. In the one article about a burning vehicle, it stated that one fire contributed more toxins etc., than a truck would in 24 years of service. I can't imagine why anyone would want to risk people's finances and lives for a force feed of something that is not workable.

Here is one person's look into the future of California.



And in recent news:

One Dead After Crash Closes Route 1 Near Milton, Traffic Redirected



Delaware's insanity continues.

First, the situation on the highways is worsening every day. Speeding is incessant and intensifying. I am beginning to think that I am the only one that goes the speed limit, which is the posted limit of speed allowed by law. Cars, trucks, state vehicles, and just about every type of vehicle is traveling very fast on the roads that I use. Relative by comparison, they pass me as if I am "dragging a large log" behind the car.

I am not the only one that is appalled by Delaware's enforcement ineffectiveness. There are many that are complaining. A young driver mentioned to me about her drive from Lewes to Milford. There was one observed accident. There was something that fell off a truck causing motorists to scatter. She said everyone was speeding and her description of the speeders was "clusters," meaning the speeders were traveling in groups, which is typical. She ended by saying, "It was very scary" and she is correct.

The signs are again saying the "Speed Limits Strictly Enforced." Yet, there is **NO** enforcement, let alone **STRICT** enforcement. People do not slow down at all when they see the signs. It appears to me that they are going faster. Nowhere is any traffic enforcement being observed. Delaware highways are becoming like the German Autobahn in de-restricted sections where drivers drive as fast as they want.

Drivers are using handheld devices frequently as the drive. Again, it is appalling. When you see a car passing you going very fast in the left lane and their head is looking down at their lap texting away, while they try to drive in a straight line, it is frightening to be on the road with these idiot drivers.

Here are two examples of pictures posted on a FaceBook site obviously taken with a cell phone. One is near a school bus and both were taken with inclement weather with wet roads while operating a motor vehicle in traffic. It is absolutely crazy to allow this. Use of the phone while driving seems to be the norm presently.



Traffic that is running RED lights is becoming more frequent. Each time I go out on the highway, I can expect to see several vehicles blasting through on a RED light. Frightening!

Traffic that is running STOP signs is also on the increase. The other day as I approached a STOP sign and stopped, there was only one other car visible from the intersection and it was relatively a safe distance from the intersection as it approached their STOP sign. I proceeded to start my left turn in the intersection. Unbelievable the car lasted through their STOP sign (without even slowing) and made a turn to the right directly into my path of travel. I had to slam on the brakes to avoid a collision. The other car then disappeared as it sped away.

And yes, there are other infractions. I was in a Lewes residential area when a speeding truck came up behind me in a 40 MPH zone with double yellow lines. The next thing I see was that it was passing me in the "No Passing" Zone at an intersection. Truly dangerous!

As long as Delaware has no enforcement, people will continue to die unnecessarily at the hands of idiot drivers. My travel on March 17th was a trip to Dover. It was a typical dangerous drive with **EVERY vehicle** that came within 100 yards of my vehicle speeding like it was the straight away at Dover Downs. There should be numbers painted on the sides of the speeder's cars.

Plus the regular RED light and STOP sign runners were present. One lady was texting away at a red light and I motioned for her to put the phone down as it was illegal. She looked back as if I were crazy and kept on texting.

I had another trip to Lewes and return to Milford on Tuesday 21st. Again every vehicle was speeding, people using phones and three stop sign runners. Additionally, Milford area has had two serious accidents in as many days.

Please explain why these violations are remotely acceptable. The warning signs do nothing if there is no enforcement. I did not see even one police car in my travels to Dover. Some of the signs say, "Don't Press Your Luck, Buckle Up." Maybe the signs should read, "The Moon is made of Green Cheese; Just go as fast as you please." Insanity rules!

Second, there should be NO government intervention on electric vehicles, especially with a "force-feed" mandate that is incomprehensible in relation to the real world. Let the market place take care of the situation. There are those that can use and want to use electric vehicles, such as short commutes to work. However, that concept does NOT work for everyone. "Jamming something down people's throat" is not to be tolerated.

One only needs to look at the government's history of intervention with shopping bags to see the absurdity. Paper bags were suddenly outlawed causing a fracas for people. They had to switch to plastic bags and people got used to the plastic verses the paper bags. Then with another deadline, everyone had to switch again. Now, paper bags are back as the plastic is outlawed. What a circus? And now it looks like paper and plastic bags will be outlawed permanently. Just a lot of time and effort wasted for no reason as we are back where we started before governmental intervention, only have all bags taken away.

I reported earlier that if one wants to be like California, then they should go there. People are disgusted with California and are leaving the state in droves. I mentioned that 340,000 people left the state in 2022. I realize that this is a small sampling, but it is very indicative of the attitude toward California's out of control mandates. I know five people that lives/lived in California. Two of the five have already moved out of the state. Another one is trying to get out as fast as she can and has only been delayed because personal issues with health and ability to move. I haven't heard from the other two individuals. Although, only a same sample, it portrays that people want out of the crazy state.

A forced mandate for electric vehicles is doomed for failure before it would even start. Why waste time and money on such a bizarre “force it on the people” mandate?

Please read the following picture of an article which is only one item on the downside of Electric Vehicles:

The batteries in an electric car weigh about 500 kg. To make a car battery of this type, you need to process 10 tonnes of salt for the required lithium, 15 tonnes of ore for the required cobalt, two tonnes of ore to get enough nickel and 12 tonnes of copper ore. In total, you have to process 200 tonnes of soil to make a single battery.

As if that wasn't enough, this pollutes more than a petrol/diesel car does in 20 years of normal consumption.

Think twice before you buy a new car.

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Then consider the following picture of a burning Electric Vehicle. Fires are happening all too frequently. Imagine if someone's house burned because of a car that they were forced to purchase as in the second picture.





And then there is the necessity of using normal technology to support this brain storm. The following picture is a diesel generator supplying a charge for a bus with a dead battery. How is this helpful in any sense? Suppose there are kids on the bus that now have no heat in the cold weather while waiting for the battery to charge. If the bus had run out of gas, a few gallons of gas (or diesel) could be delivered to get the kids on their way.



Forget the Electric Vehicle mandate as it is an abominable concept. Town hall meetings should be canceled along with the concept. Further, it is much more important to have safe driving in the State of Delaware.

Maybe it will be similar to shopping bags for vehicles. Simply outlaw all vehicles and make people walk. Anybody want to buy a horse?

Morris Township Volunteer Fire Company #1

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"TESLA FIRE"

At approximately 1055 am, [Clearfield County 911/Emergency Management Agency](#) alerted the Morris Twp Fire Company to assist the Winburne Fire Company with a working vehicle fire on Interstate 80 at the 137 mm. Also due on the box was the [Grassflat Volunteer Fire Company](#).

As Engine Tanker 17 and Engine Tanker 19 arrived on scene it was quickly discovered that this was not your typical vehicle fire as crews quickly utilized just over 4,000 gallons of water. In total approximately 12,000 gallons of water was utilized. To give you an idea of the severity, crews can normally extinguish a fully involved vehicle fire with approximately 500 gallons or less

Due to the lithium ion battery on the vehicle, extinguishing this fire would require additional tankers as the vehicle would continue to reignite and burn fierce at times. In total it took crews nearly two hours of continually applying water on the vehicle as the battery would begin to reignite and hold high temperatures.

This vehicle burnt so hot and long that if it was not for the rims you might not even know it was a vehicle.

Additional tankers from [Snow Shoe Volunteer Fire Company](#) , [Pine Glen Fire Company](#) , [Columbia Volunteer Fire Company](#) [Bigler Boyz Enviro Inc.](#)









