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It is time for Delaware to join 14 other states who regulate the percentage of electric, plug-in hybrid, and fuel cell vehicles available at dealerships. The proposed plan would require 35% for 2027 models, ticking up about 8% each year until meeting the 100% requirement by 2035.

Check Sierra Club of Delaware's Advance Clean Cars 2 for information and talking points.

Time is running out.

On March 4 the United Nations' U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released its latest report. Message: There is a rapidly closing window of opportunity to secure a liveable and sustainable future for all.

Washington Post (March 20): World is on brink of catastrophic warming, U.N. climate change report says

New York Times: Climate Change Is Speeding Toward Catastrophe. The Next Decade Is Crucial, U.N. Panel Says

Excerpts from the articles:

The world is likely to pass a dangerous temperature threshold within the next 10 years, pushing the planet past the point of catastrophic warming — unless nations drastically transform their economies and immediately transition away from fossil fuels.

Decades of delay have denied the world any hope of an easy and gradual transition to a more sustainable economy. Now, only “deep, rapid and ... immediate” efforts across all aspects of society...will be able to stave off catastrophe.

Failure to act now won't only condemn humanity to a hotter planet. It will also make it impossible for future generations to cope with their changed environment.

The poor and vulnerable are bearing the brunt of our collective failure to act.

Yet...

Delaware's Republican Party has fiercely opposed any proposed mandate regarding zero emission vehicles. Unless we speak out, they will influence the decision makers.

Senate Republicans oppose state's EV mandate

Delaware lawmakers set town halls on potential zero-emission mandate

The Republicans have held town hall meetings throughout the state. Millsboro resident, Tom Brett, attended the March 21st meeting at the Indian River Senior Center, facilitated by Rep. Rich Collins, (R-Millsboro). Collins told the attendees that “We need to follow the science, folks.” Then Rep. Collins introduced Dr. David LeGates, who told the audience that “carbon dioxide is plant food and not a pollutant.” (Tom's Letter to the Editor: Delaware GOP uses bad science at EV town hall)

A little background on Dr. David Legates Source

In 2007, then-governor Ruth Ann Minner wrote: “Your [LeGates'] views on climate change are not aligned with those of my administration... I am directing you to offer any future statements on this or other public policy matters only on

behalf of yourself or the University of Delaware, and not as state climatologist.”

During the Trump administration LeGates was given a top position at NOAA. “He’s [LeGates] not just in left field — he’s not even near the ballpark.” (Jane Lubchenco, head of NOAA under President Barack Obama)

Thank you,  
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