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Why would we ever emulate California for anything, especially to use it as a template for the issue of mandated purchases of electric vehicles in Delaware? Seems to me that the citizens of Delaware should decide this issue by making the buying decision of gasoline/diesel fueled cars, or electric cars, or hybrids. I don't need State government telling me what I can purchase by mandating the purchase an electric vehicle especially given the many downsides of electric automobiles: much higher cost to purchase, limited mileage range, dangers of batteries in fires or auto accidents, cost of a replacement battery pack, weight of the battery pack, no ability (or limited ability) to tow a trailer, the exploitation of minerals in third world countries to provide the components of batteries, the waiting time for an electric charge "refill", the diminishing effect of cold weather on the battery pack, the draw on the electric power grid to re-charge thousands of vehicles overnight, and the list goes on. I oppose this mandate. Thank you for reading this.

Robert Harra, Jr.