

Subject: Comment on requiring 35% of new vehicles sold in DE to be EV by 2027, 100% by 2035

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To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

Shawn Gavin
DNREC Secretary

Dear Mr. Secretary -

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 before DNREC would require 35% for 2027 models, ticking up about 8% each year until meeting the 100% requirement by 2035.

This regulation will not force anyone to buy an EV. There is no restriction on buying used gas-powered cars. The 35% number being discussed in the media represents the approximate percentage of new EVs that car manufacturers need to deliver and sell to Delawareans. Even with this program, however, gas-powered vehicles will still make up the majority of cars on the road in 2035 and many will still be on the road past 2050. This program will ensure Delaware has clean vehicles available, like EVs and plug-in hybrids. It does this by ensuring an increasing percentage of the new cars delivered and sold in Delaware by car makers each year are clean cars. That means that car makers are on the hook, not car buyers. They need to make car buyers want to buy them.

The United Nation's most recent IPCC report paints a dire picture of how little time we have left before the climate tips into irreversible collapse. We need to do everything we can to cut emissions. Many of us in Delaware want to go EV and we would have a much better chance of doing so if the supply increases and prices go down.

Please do this. Please take every opportunity we have to pass on a livable planet to those who must live through the ravages of climate even if we do this.

Sincerely,

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