

Subject: EV mandate

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I am concerned about the proposed EV mandate. As an EV owner, I can tell you they are wonderful and of the two cars in our household, it's the one we drive the most and I expect we will always have at least one. However, this area has a LONG way to go in investing in fast charge infrastructure. There are NO fast charging stations anywhere near me in Millville, and the charging stations that are around are an absolute joke. Bethany Beach, for instance, has bragged about adding EV charging, but they cheaper out and have the slowest possible technology. It would take me 8-12 hours to charge my little EV which only has a range of about 100 miles. I invested in a fast charge station at home, but wouldn't dare drive that car to Newark and back. I tried it once, and it added hours to my trip and a lot of stress. First I found a charging station, but it was super slow. After an hour it had just enough to get the 10 miles to a faster charge. CA has been investing in a charging infrastructure for years, DE has not.

Mandating EVs is a great idea, but not yet. Without sufficient charging access, what happens during a forced evacuation? Or power is out for a few days, or a week? The goal is a good one, but we aren't there yet. If you want to mandate something, mandate that ALL charging stations need to be fast, and universal, I.e. not just for Tesla. Otherwise, you might as well be developing real estate with dial up internet instead of fiber optic.

Thank you,

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