

## **CDA Poll Finds a Majority of Delawareans Don't Support Eliminating the Sale of New Gas- and Diesel-Powered Cars and Trucks**

### Why CDA is Commenting

As the Delaware considers increasing the use of electric vehicles (EVs) in the state, including implementation of a California policy that is a full ban on the sale of any new gasoline and diesel vehicles starting in 2035, the Centrist Democrats of America commissioned a poll to help regulators and lawmakers in Dover better understand voter attitudes on this issue. CDA hopes these public comments submitted to the DNREC are helpful to regulators, as they consider implementing a policy that our polling indicates is unpopular with Delawareans.

### Top-Line Poll Findings

- Only 6% of Delawareans “strongly support” adopting California’s ban on the sale of new gas- powered vehicles.
- 62% of respondents agreed that “An incremental approach to getting more electric vehicles on the road makes more sense for Delaware residents and the gradual build up will allow for the market to fix itself along the way.”
- Only 2% of respondents want to “ban” or “limit” the number of gas-powered vehicles allowed to sold in the state.
- Only 31% of respondents are “likely” to purchase an EV in the next two to three years.
- When asked why they don’t plan on buying an EV in the next two years or more, 68% said, “There aren’t enough charging stations for it to make sense right now,” 60% responded, “I don’t have the ability to charge an electric vehicle where I live,” and over half of respondents (55%) stated, “Currently there is not an electric vehicle on the market that would really work for my needs.”
- Delawareans do think government spending priorities should be: funding for “ending childhood hunger,” fixing “our roads and bridges,” and increasing the use of “wind and solar energy.” Rounding out the bottom of funding priorities was funding to “build K-12 schools,” “police training and hiring,” “public transportation,” and coming in last was “increasing the number of electric vehicles.”
- 90% of respondents are “somewhat” or “very concerned” about the high cost of gasoline. 80% of respondents are “somewhat” or “very concerned” about climate change.
- 39% of respondents said that personally, high energy costs are “making it harder to make ends meet.”

## About CDA

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## About the Poll

Methodology: 500 interviews among voters in Delaware were conducted from February 16-23, 2023, using an online survey. The results were weighted to ensure proportional responses. The Bayesian confidence interval for 500 interviews is approximately 5.0, which is roughly equivalent to a margin of error of  $\pm 4.4$  at the 95% confidence level.

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