

Subject: EV CAR MANDATE

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The current plan to phase out gasoline powered vehicles is unrealistic and puts an undo economic burden on all Delawareans, particularly the low to moderate income population. We don't have sufficient power grid capacity, the home building industry is dealing with shortages now in electrical components. There are direct negative environmental consequences from mandating EV vehicles, such as battery components, mining the metals necessary for battery production, that offset some of the reduced emissions benefits of EVs, and the recycle/disposal costs of batteries and other components. And HOW IS ELECTRICITY GENERATED to CHARGE these EV CARS? We don't begin to have the non-fossil fueled power grid locally or nationally to handle the demand in forced in place by the proposed timetable.

A BETTER CHOICE would be to set moderately higher fuel efficiency standards, moderate increases in emissions standards, and let the free market system respond with alternative vehicles using various fuels. Hydrogen engines, HYBRID VEHICLES MIXING FUEL AND ELECTRIC is a more practical and consumer friendly approach while significantly reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

I OPPOSE THE CURRENT PLAN! And I own a HYBRID.

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