

Subject: EV Mandate

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This new EV Mandate is, without a doubt, government overreach. These changes are happening much too quickly. Many people cannot afford EVs and the batteries have a limited lifespan. In addition, you must spend a large sum of money to replace the batteries. Purchasing a new battery will be a financial hardship that should not be forced on Delawareans.

It is likely that many people will hold on to their current gas-powered vehicles to avoid having to buy a more expensive EV. They will end up driving older, less safe vehicles for a longer period. Pre-owned gas-powered vehicles will become more expensive because of a reduction in supply. The middle class will be deeply affected by this policy, but lower-income individuals will be forced into an even more difficult financial position, which is the last thing they need.

Each citizen should have the freedom to choose what type of vehicle they want to buy. Their decision would be based on their own finances and needs.

More people will gradually change over to EVs as they become less expensive. But that should be their choice and not be mandated by the government.

Sincerely,

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