

Subject: Proposal Regarding Gas-Powered Cars

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I am appalled at the proposed "directive" that DE drivers phase out gas-powered vehicles beginning in 2026! The idea that infrastructure would be in place to support such a move is not backed up by fact. The cost to the consumer is not offset enough either by state or federal government rebates to make this a reasonable purchase. There is true concern over the production of batteries to power these vehicles (available lithium, mining practices), the safety of these batteries and what provisions are available for their disposal. Maintenance costs for electric cars as well as their drain on an all ready stressed grid needs to be addressed. This idea is being pressed way too soon and requires much more time and preparation to make it viable. I live in a free society where I have a wide variety of choices. I do not want to have that freedom diminished.
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