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Governor John Carney
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Good evening,

I attended a town hall at Camden Wyoming Fire House regarding the electric vehicle mandate. I had my eyes opened at this meeting. I had no idea just what this mandate would do to my beloved state. I feel let down by the actions of your administration and as a Delawarean that was born and raised and living in Delaware all my life, in this The First State and The Diamond State as I know it. I thought we were the leader, not a follower. This particular mandate puts a hardship on me as I live on social security and have a small state pension. Like I mentioned I was born here in Dover 69 years ago. I grew up here and know what Delaware is and was during my childhood, as a youth, as a teenager and now as an aging adult. I was told this mandate was because of climate change. That is pure bull. Delaware was first a marshland area, the road that goes from Camden to the base was made up mostly of marsh land. As time went by developers dumped landfill over the marsh land and turned it into housing developments and businesses. I wonder now if they know they are over the old marshlands. Mother Nature has a way of retrieving what once was her's. Mother Nature is just trying to equalize the state and planet with erosion, storms and other weather phenomena. Your climate change is nothing but Mother Nature returning things back to what they should be. Ask any historian what Delaware was like during the late 1800 to 1900's, marshland and mosquitoes. So, your climate change is a misnomer, and you are traveling the road blinded. What we should do is be a leader, I don't care what California is doing as I don't live there, I live here in Delaware, and I don't want to follow California.

So, in my mind what we should be doing is this: 1) we need to create a monorail system that travels from end to end of Delaware. Have parking garages at various access points where commuters would go and park to ride the monorail to their chosen destination and have the infrastructure in place to move people once they reach their destination such as local buses. This would remove a large amount of commuter cars and vans from the normal roadway and would also provide a lot of jobs for the creation and operation of the rail which could follow over top of most freight trains eliminating the creation of separate systems for the most part. 2) Have auto manufactures alter the gasoline engine so that instead of getting 20-30 miles per gallon, they would get at least 50 miles a gallon, don't tell me they can't do this because they can, they have the technology, they just don't see the profit in creating such an engine, but I do. It would help safeguard our planet and provide a better solution to an aging infrastructure. 3) Replace Secretary of DNREC with someone who truly wants to protect the environment and not promote the economy. It seems that money has won over being a steward to our beautiful land. 4) Encourage more use of solar panels on homes and businesses to help offset the electric grid. Your electric cars put a great drain on the electrical grid and system, you have not thought through charging time, replacement and disposal of the batteries (why are we putting China to work building these when it damages the environment not just in China but worldwide, they should be built here in the United States under close supervision and protection for the employees and planet) or what happens to an electric vehicle if it gets hit or demolished in an automobile accident or if they are caught in a blizzard and have to run the heater to keep warm wearing the battery down until it needs to be charged to run. The vehicle would have to be towed somewhere and stay at that point for a protracted period of time to be charged instead of just putting a gallon of gas in a vehicle enough to get them to a gas station to refill in a matter of minutes.

Maybe instead of electric vehicles, look at hydrogen powered vehicles, they would produce water, something we need for this planet, and much less pollution. 5) You can still build your electric charging stations for those who choose that method, however, do not mandate that we (us people that are on limited incomes) move into the electric vehicles. If I wanted a golf cart, I would have one. 6) Improve the existing electrical grid that would be able to handle more usage because with the current system, nothing would be operating as it currently is and instead, we would be facing constant brown or black outs with no power at all, this would endanger many lives and could cause irreparable harm not only to our citizens but to the operations of our state. Instead, plan on what to do to slowly move to more efficient vehicles using gasoline, hydrogen and electric, including the use of a monorail system. This would ease the urgency of going electric if that is even needed at all. Currently and for at least the next 100 years, we are lacking the infrastructure here in Delaware to make your dream possible. In time this may be a more viable option but not with the time frame you have laid out. Don't forget the people that have put you into office, you represent all of us, not just a chosen few.

Sincerely,
Judith A. Lomax, a concerned Delawarean