

Subject: Delaware Low Emission Vehicle Hearing Comment

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My overriding question/comment is – Why in the world would Delaware want to align its standards to the failed state of California? So many of its residents fled their policies that they even lost a seat in Congress for the first time in their state’s history.

I believe the subjects of the higher cost of EVs, lack of infrastructure for public recharging along with high costs of home recharging units, and concerns for an adequate electric grid (perhaps complicated with President Biden’s new Power Plant Rules) have already been covered.

I would, also, like to add issues regarding higher vehicle insurance especially with insurance companies totaling EV’s rather than allowing repairs due to battery concerns.

Which brings us to the multiple issues of used EVs such as resale value, waning battery efficiency and replacement costs, and need for specialized service technicians. Doesn’t exactly sound like a good fit for an average person’s budget.

Then there are the headlines and concerns in the UK, New York and Boston that:

[“Heavy EVs Could Collapse Old Parking Garages: Report”](#)

“Cars keep getting heavier, and experts are worried that aging parking garages simply weren’t built to cope.”

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And if weight in parking garages is a concern, what about traffic sitting on bridges that we’ve all heard are often in poor shape?

Finally, as for the savings in skipping the gas station, I imagine it’s only a matter of time before road taxes will be a per mile situation to be monitored by yet another or expanded government entity.

I believe that without thoughtful solutions to reasonable questions, Delaware will become just another state that abandons it’s residents for the siren song of executive orders and crushing mandates.

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