

Subject: Comments on Regulations seeking to ban the sale of Gas Powered Motor Vehicles

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To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

We are writing to you to voice our opposition to the proposed Electric Vehicle Mandate. First and foremost, we believe Delaware residents should have the right to choose which type of vehicle they want to purchase--gas powered or electric.

Secondly, the electric grid is not equipped to handle a great influx of electric vehicles. In the winter and in the heat of summer when electric heating systems (heat pumps) or air conditioning systems are running full tilt, there would not be enough electricity available to run these systems and operate vehicles as well.

Thirdly, not only is the purchase price of electric vehicles outlandish but it also requires that a person's home electric be upgraded so that it could "fuel" the electric vehicle. Another expense added to the vehicle's purchase price. Finally, from reading some of the proposed resolution, it seems that Delaware would be tied to the California initiative. So, if California makes changes (more restrictive), then Delaware would be forced to accept those changes. We just don't understand why Delaware would opt to give up its right to decide what is best for Delawarians.

While the use of wind power (wind mills) and solar power is on the upswing, the manufacture of the windmills and solar panels is not eco friendly. The windmills cannot be recycled nor can the batteries required for the solar panels. Although these systems are a good start, they should be improved upon and enhanced to provide a more eco friendly system.

Respectfully submitted,

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