

Subject: EV Mandate

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I strongly OPPOSE for several reasons.

Due to inflation, many folks in Delaware can not afford to buy a car anymore. Let alone an electric vehicle and the additions to our home that are needed to charge it. At this point, folks like myself are more concerned with trying to keep what the car we have running.

What about poor folks who are barely getting by? What about those living in apartments? How would they charge it? The solution can not be for others to pay more so the poor can have EVs. I am sick of paying for everyone else when I am trying to support myself and my own family and extended family!!

The costs associated with building MANY charging stations, adding chargers to homes, and upgrading electric grids are incalculable. Completely unaffordable. We are out of money!

What happens to EV batteries when the car is totaled in a wreck? THE BATTERY HAS TO BE STORED IN A SECURE SPOT FOR YEARS. So we also have to build underground dumps just to store these things. That sounds expensive, doesn't seem environmentally friendly, and it sounds like another disaster waiting to happen.

The technology for charging is not good. It takes 10x as long to charge a car than to fill it up with gas. It is completely ridiculous to wait around for an hour to charge a car. It is more expensive than gas in some areas. PLUS, charging stations NEED diesel to run!! So while someone is charging their EV for an hour they are simultaneously using gas generators. That is counterproductive. Makes no sense.

EV's are not good around salt water. Many vehicles have caught on fire. So what could happen if we have a hurricane and flooding? Cars catch fire inside garages. People could lose everything.

The environment has improved over the course of many years (That has been confirmed by countless well respected researchers) due to efforts made by the car industry to reduce emissions and manufacturing regulations to reduce pollution in the air & water. Countries like India and China are not trying! Sanctions should be placed on the countries that are polluting the air and water with no regard for anyone else.

Many scientists have confirmed that oceans are not rising at an alarming rate. Ice cores have confirmed that the temperature is not rising at an alarming rate. If people really believed it, then why are they still building ocean-front homes? Obama's bought ocean front property just a few years ago. They clearly are not concerned. Why are banks still financing ocean-front real estate? Because they know it isn't a problem.

What Carney is pushing as a cure is actually worse than the problem. The strip mining that has to occur just to get the raw materials needed is astronomical. It is sad that some people in the government are willing to excavate other countries under horrible conditions just to be righteous. DNREC NEEDS TO STAND DOWN. Ignore Carney and focus your energy elsewhere.

This whole topic has the same vibe as the 70's "the world is going to freeze over" and the 80's "ozone has a hole", then it was the ice caps are melting and poor polar bears. etc, etc. Seems to me all the hype has just put money in the pockets of people like Al Gore. We are sick of it!!

Folks are not opposed to being better but EV's are not the answer. From what I understand hydrogen is superior and the technology is being developed. Government needs to get out of the way and stop trying to force people to buy this one particular thing. People will naturally buy EV's or hydrogen as technology improves. But many folks will continue to keep their classic cars and run them from time to time and there is nothing wrong with that.

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