

Subject: DNREC Electric Mandate in Delaware

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I would like to express my objection to the EV mandate being put forth by the unelected DNREC.

The Delaware Constitution does not allow the DNREC to force a taxpayers to buy anything especially extremely expensive electric vehicles powered by lithium batteries.

Lithium is refined from ore using sulfuric acid. Hundreds of tons of earth have to be destroyed and moved in order to make one battery for an electric vehicle. This is obscene.

Electric car batteries are made with approximately 20-25 pounds of lithium, 50-60 pounds of nickel, 40 pounds of manganese, 25-30 pounds of cobalt, 150-200 pounds of copper and 350 pounds of aluminum, steel and PLASTIC. This averages close to 750+ pounds of minerals that have to be mined and processed into one battery that merely stores electricity.

The land destroyed and the thousands of gallons of fuel to power the machines for mining is horrific. This is not "green energy" by any means.

Children are also used to mine these minerals in many countries around the world which as we know is abuse.

Everyone knows about these facts.

Please stop mandating this madness. Please stop trying to control we the people.

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