

**Subject:** EVs in Delaware

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**To:** HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

**CC:** MJ

Good Day,

I am writing to request that the DNREC not proceed to eliminate the sale of gasoline powered vehicles. There are several reason for my request and I will outline them below.

Such a restriction would cause an undue hardship on the citizens of Delaware by increasing the purchase price of vehicles in our state. Even with a government subsidy, which I am against, the cost of vehicles would remain too high. In reality, it is the taxpayers that would foot the bill on the subsidies, so it would not really a lower price!

The process by which this requirement has come about is unconstitutional since it did not go through the required legislative process. Such a sweeping requirement needs to be reflective of the will of the people and this regulation has not received this support as evidenced by not going through the legislative process. Why waste taxpayers money by doing this only to have it challenged in the courts? Such a waste is not part of a good stewardship program all directors should strive to provide.

The economic impact of such a requirement has not been studied. Where were the requests for business input? Where were the requests for local governments to have input into this regulation? Where are the published results of studies done on the electrical infrastructure to see if it can support such a drain on the electrical grid? Where are the published results on the availability of resources necessary to build the number of vehicles this would require?

How would this affect the local gas stations and repair garages in our communities? I have not heard anything about these businesses.

How would the automobile dealerships transition from gas powered to electric powered repair facilities? While some of the vehicles sold today are electric powered, the dealerships are not prepared to support an all electric vehicle sale program. Who would train the mechanics in the repair and maintenance procedures for theses vehicles. Remember the dealerships and garages would need to be able to work on both gas and electric vehicles for a period of around 20 years.

As you can see, this is not a simple turn the switch and it will happen thing. In addition, there are many things I did not cover here that must happen to make this a successful venture. Even with 2035 still twelve years away, there is much that needs to happen to make this a workable situation, and I don't see any plans to support this change.

I urge you to listen to all the people of Delaware as you receive input on this topic. Remember, it will be the marginalized and poor that will feel most of the negative effects of this change. There is nothing so urgently critical that we need to make this massive change in the way people live their lives in such a short period of time.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Sincerely,

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