

ACC2 comments

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My name is John Irwin, and I live in New Castle County.

The following countries have already made commitments to transition to clean cars because of their concern about climate change and desire for clean air:

Norway 2025,

Germany, UK, Denmark, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Iceland, Sweden 2030,
EU, Canada, Chile, China, Japan 2035

The following auto manufacturers have done the same:

Lexis 2030 for N. America, Europe and China,

Volvo 2030

Fiat, Jaguar Land Rover, Ford Europe, VW Europe: 0 emission vehicles by 2030-2035

GM 2035

Honda: 30 models by 2030, 40% of its sales EV by 2030, 80% EVs by 2035, 100% by 2040.

This is happening worldwide now. EV sales in Norway were 83% of the cars sold in Feb 2023. ^[1] EVs now account for 1 in 4 cars sold in China. In China, there are over 300 models ranging from just \$5,000 to over \$90,000 ^[2]

Around us, NJ, MD, NY, MA already have already adopted ACC2.

Adopting the ACC2 program in Delaware will not determine whether the transition to EVs will happen. It is underway already.

I want to be able to buy an EV here in Delaware. I want to test drive, compare models, compare prices across dealerships. That's not available because we're not an ACC2 state yet.

Adopting the ACC2 will help us make a gradual transition and be prepared for this big change. It is a big change, let's make it work for us.

We need to give dealerships time to get up to speed so they can provide good service to customers and for us to build up the infrastructure we need to support it. The more EVs on the road, the faster that will happen.

People concerned about any issues with EVs can wait and see how things develop. There will be 12 years to buy new gas cars for those who want them, and used cars which most people buy will continue to be available indefinitely.

That is a lot of time to get comfortable before buying an EV. You could easily go 20 years more driving gas cars.

Let the rest of us who want these cars have a chance to benefit from them.

This program, if adopted now, doesn't require the EVs to be supplied to dealers until 2026. We need to get started.

Please adopt the Advanced Clean Cars 2 program.

[1] <https://www.electrive.com/2023/03/02/ev-sales-pick-up-again-in-norway-over-february/>

[2] <https://www.counterpointresearch.com/china-ev-sales-2022/>

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"Fight for the things that you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."
Ruth Bader Ginsburg