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Dear DNREC Representative Theresa Newman,

As a long term resident of (45 years) Delaware I am writing to express my concerns regarding the proposal to mandate electric vehicles in our state based solely on environmental science. While I support efforts to protect our environment, I am concerned that this proposal may have unintended consequences for our state's economy, infrastructure and government.

As you may be aware, recent studies have shown that the earth is experiencing a carbon drought, meaning that there is a significant decrease in carbon levels in the atmosphere compared to our earth's history. Mandating electric vehicles, which are primarily powered by electricity generated from fossil fuels, may not be the most effective solution to address environmental concerns at this time. As Delawareans we already import and transmit a great deal of electricity. As useage goes up the rates will increase and our transmission losses more energy, inherent in our infrastructure, our electric costs could become substantial. Instead, we should consider alternative strategies that can address the specific environmental issues facing our state.

An issue raised is the rise in sea level. According to data provided by the Permanent Service for Mean Sea Level (PSMSL) at Lewes DE, the average rise per year from 1919 to 2022 was 2.2 millimeters. However, it is also important to note that the rate of sea level rise has been fluctuating over time. From the high point in 1998 to 2022, there has been a decrease sea level. Furthermore, mandating electric vehicles could have economic impacts on low-income and fixed income families who may not be able to afford electric vehicles or the necessary charging infrastructure, or fuel tax implications that are as of yet not considered.

While I support efforts to protect our environment, I respectfully urge you to consider the potential unintended consequences of mandating electric vehicles in our state. Instead, I urge you to prioritize policies that have already decreased air pollution in our two lower counties despite population increases and ensuring the resilience of our transportation infrastructure.

Please do not take this excessive executive liberty with Docket #2022-R-A-0011. It bypasses the legislative branch and is based on current politically corrected science.

Do not California my Delaware!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jenny Quell