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The passing of this bill will financially impact middle and lower class wage earners and minorities. Also, the infrastructure to handle the charging of thousands of vehicles in the cities and suburbs of Del is not in place, and fossil fueled power plants will continue to dominate the pollution issue in Delaware.

EVs are expensive and unaffordable for mid and lower class wage earners. The cost of gas powered used vehicles will increase significantly as well as the cost of gasoline and maintenance of these vehicles. Lower sales volumes of gasoline will require increased gas prices for businesses to remain open, and there will be fewer trained mechanics to repair gas powered vehicles.

The best solution is to continue to offer tax rebates for the phase-in of EV vehicles as people can afford them, and government financing of pollution abatement projects to lower emissions in regional power plants that continue to use fossil fuels to generate electricity for home, business and vehicles.

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