

**Subject:** Comments - Electric Vehicles

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I am strongly opposed to the proposed regulations regarding electric vehicles:

1. The vehicles are significantly more expensive than gas-powered cars. How are we going to afford to buy them, especially seniors on a fixed income? Higher car payments and increased electric bills will pose a huge problem. This will have a significant impact on the economy.
2. The batteries for these electric vehicles are expected to last three to five years, and the costs for replacements are ridiculous. Some say at least \$5,000, while I've also heard that the Chevy Volt battery costs \$17,000 TODAY! Many will need a second vehicle loan to replace the battery.
3. I don't believe the infrastructure is ready for this. Do we have the proper electric grid to handle the demand?
4. There are not nearly enough charging stations. I read that the DE government plans to install FOUR charging stations in Kent County. Is that even close to being sufficient? What about the people who don't have a private residence with no garage or driveway. What about those who park in a large lot or on the street? What happens to the single mom who must leave her children alone while she goes to the nearest charging station (if there is one) or does she take the kids along to sit in a freezing cold vehicle while waiting hours in line to charge her car? This doesn't even make sense.
5. Then there's the costs to the dealerships. This regulation mandates that a specific percentage of vehicles on their lots must be EVs. When the inventory doesn't sell, the dealer must still pay for them. This may put many out of business, creating more unemployment problems.
6. California has brown-outs now, and tells their residents they can't use air conditioning or plug in their electric vehicles. Are we headed in that direction? Why don't we phase in this plan for a much longer period to ensure we are ready for it?
7. Delaware does not produce much of the energy we use at the present time. What happens if we can't get what we need? Do we have any guarantees for electric supply?
8. It is my understanding that insurance rates for EVs will be much higher. We will have lower to middle income people who must pay for a new vehicle, pay much more for electricity, and pay higher insurance rates. Where is this money going to come from?
9. None of this is good news. Delaware meets all national air quality standards so why are we doing this??? Delaware and most of the U.S. are not the problem for climate change. Look at China, Pakistan, India and those other eastern/middle eastern countries who do NOTHING to preserve our environment and continue to belch smoke and pollutants into the atmosphere. Why are we forced to suffer when we aren't the problem?
10. Finally, I emphatically believe that the government does not have the right to dictate the kind of vehicles we drive. You are forcing us to give up our liberties.

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