

Subject: Comments on Electric Car mandate

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To: Delaware EV Regulations

I assume that you are operating under the premise that the proposed regulations are going to save the planet from climate change. Unfortunately there is a bigger hand at work that causes climate change and whatever we do, climate change will continue. We may even see another ICE AGE in the future. You cannot control it!

But you can control people's lives!

Do the new regulations address the disposal of spent batteries? They contain all types of hazardous materials. Do the regulations address the effect on the environment of mining the minerals used in the manufacturing of batteries, let alone the fact that most of these minerals are mined by people who are exposed to the toxics in the mining process.

Have you considered the impact that this regulation has on the cost of gasoline and diesel? Because, in spite of your best efforts, there will not be anything to replace trucks, trains and cars/trucks that continue to require "fossil fuels" for many years into the future. And as a result the cost of living will begin to climb significantly as the cost of delivery will increase dramatically, as well as the cost of fuel for all of the standard cars left on the road.

Have you considered the impact that electric cars will have in traffic accidents, since they are so much heavier than standard vehicles. And from what I understand, if a battery is damaged in an accident, there is no repairing them. You just have to send them to the landfill! Goody-goody! And what will all this do to insurance rates? Have you considered that impact?

Do you really believe that the average person will want to pay thousands of dollars extra to have an EV? I think not. This will decimate the entire dealer structure in the state, along with all of its employees.

Please do not do this just because the governor thought it a good idea to follow California down another rabbit hole! Did any notice what has happened to California electric system after they implemented all of their crazy ideas about the environment and climate change?

Regards

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