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I find it inconceivable that so many considerations have been left out of this subject. First among these are how such regulations can be dictated by bureaucratic fiat without a single vote of the citizens elected representation. I don't ever recall electing bureaucrats to make such impactful and costly regulations on Delawares citizens... This is why we have elections. Secondly, has anyone even thought about how the very poorest among our citizens are supposed to have an electric vehicle if they are living in urban areas without the ability to plug in a vehicle for recharge. along with this, the current configuration of electric vehicles effectively prohibits a value-added used car market. By the time electric vehicles are sold by the original owner the batteries are about to expire and replacing them are cost prohibitive. Poor folks cannot generally afford these vehicles brand new. Finally, let's talk about Congo. mandating these vehicles is effectively government mandated support of slave labor in Congo where people are being forced to work in unbearable conditions in the cobalt mines. There should be great shame in this for anyone involved with this mandate. I simply cannot support this action for the above reasons and many more.