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The Delaware EV Mandate is a misguided policy that will harm consumers, businesses and the environment. The mandate requires that by 2035, all new passenger cars and light-duty trucks sold in the state must be zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs), which are mostly electric vehicles (EVs). This is an unrealistic and costly goal that will force consumers to buy expensive and unreliable (lack of charging stations) EVs, limit their choices and mobility, and increase their dependence on the electric grid. The mandate will also hurt businesses that rely on conventional vehicles for their operations, such as delivery services, contractors and farmers. They will face higher costs and lower productivity due to the lack of suitable ZEV models and the need to install charging infrastructure. Moreover, the mandate will not significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions or improve air quality, as Delaware accounts for only a small fraction of the national vehicle market and electricity generation. The mandate will also create a patchwork of regulations that will hinder interstate commerce and innovation. The Delaware EV Mandate is a bad deal for everyone and should be repealed.