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Comments:

I'm not against electric vehicles however I don't think mandating them is the right path. Putting charging stations throughout Delaware is a great start to getting more people onboard for this option. I do not believe ev's are a more environmentally friendly option to gas though. Ev's use lithium batteries that are larger than gas. Retrieving materials to make the batteries is more destructive on the earth than gas car batteries. Disposal of the batteries have not proven to be more friendly either. Another area of concern is for people who live in the city. How do you plan to offer street charging stations for those in an apartment complex? Different car brands use different plugs. How do you plan to accommodate? Maintenance isn't cheaper either, I have owned my current car for over 10 years and have spent around \$3000 for upkeep. If my battery goes up it will only cost \$200 compared to an ev I would have to get a loan for a new battery (\$4000-\$20000) or just get a new car. Instead of mandating ev's build up the infrastructure to better accommodate and allow for residents to choose which fits their life style best. One car is NOT better for the environment than the other.