

Subject: Electric car mandate

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My husband and I oppose the mandate to ban the sale of everything except electric cars.

To start, the mining of the lithium batteries is not much better for the environment.

Second, Delaware is not ready and will not be ready in time for electric vehicles only. It's already hard to find charging stations. We also need to evaluate our power grids, which some in the state are already overloaded (Town of Smyrna).

We are not opposed to electric cars - but leaving the choice to consumers would be best. My husband and I are considering a hybrid for our next purchase as we aren't equipped at our home (rental house with a small electric panel) to charge a vehicle.

With the hefty price tag of electric vehicles, I am also worried that many people will not be able to afford to buy cars, causing transportation issues in a very small state that already doesn't have a subway or 24/7 bus service.

More thought needs to be put into these type of issues. Also the consumer should have the ultimate choice. All forms of vehicles are bad for the environment.

Thank you,

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