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Comments:

Greetings, I have owned two Teslas so far and currently retain one so I can speak from experience. Firstly, that a small group of people at DNREC can create regulations that can drastically effect the lives of 1.2 million Delawareans and the state's economy without going through the legislature is unacceptable and will be economically disastrous. Having driven the Teslas for 5 years I can say with certainty that Delaware is no where near the depth of infrastructure necessary to support an EV economy. The states efforts should be put there first. Additionally, the EV technology is not fully developed or available to the public. Has the state fleet of vehicles completely converted to EV yet? Not even close. And currently there are no practical options for the work trucks necessary. Is the Governor's personal fleet completely EV? Also, I have experienced first hand the limitations of EV as it relates to winter and towing. A simple addition of a bicycle rack significantly limits range. No one had to mandate the horse and buggy's exit. Lastly, EV's are still too expensive for the average income and the choices are currently too limited. Stop trying to evade the Democratic process by mandating by committee. Focus on incentivising building the necessary infrastructure to support EVs first.