

**Subject:** Ban the sale of new fuel-powered vehicles

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**To:** HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

To whom it may concern,

I do not agree with the total ban of fuel powered vehicles for several reasons.

1. You are taking away my right to choose. This country prides itself for its freedom. Yet, the government wants to impose its views on its citizens. Telling us what we can and can not buy. I understand it is better for the environment. I believe encouraging Delawareans to purchase hybrids and EVs is a good thing. But, it should be a choice.
2. Families, young adults, and any one on a limited income can not afford this. With the economy the way it is, citizens are having to deal with the sky rocketing costs of living. Now, you want to impose a HUGE bill upon them. Their electricity will go up more. Cost of repairs on electric vehicles will be too much. Not to mention what ever accessories that must be purchased to own an electric vehicle. Such as houses that need to be upgraded for this. What if they have multiple cars. Double the expense. So many American citizens are one paycheck away from being homeless. Yet, our government wants to impose a bill they can not afford.
3. The utilities does not have the infrastructure to handle this. If this goes live....There will be brown outs or black outs.  
During critical peak times in the summer. Citizens will have to chose between a vehicle that will run or staying cool or warm.
4. You are forcing business to spend money for charging stations. State of Delaware prides itself for being corporate friendly. Yet, you are forcing them to comply to an expensive bill. Where will this money come from? Consumers. Then we go back to #2. Citizens who are living paycheck to paycheck.
5. Hospitals and government buildings will need to be upgraded. After all, if you are in the hospital for a couple of days. How are you going to get home with a dead battery.
6. Having to pay for charging services. I hear of businesses starting up. Charging EV up to \$400.00 for a charge. Again lets refer to #2. Delaware citizens who are living paycheck to paycheck.
7. State of emergency. What if you have to evacuate and your car is not charged?
8. People who travel from Sussex county to work in New Castle county or Pennsylvania? They will have to stop to get a charge on their way to work. Increasing time on their commute. Furthermore, a lot of states do not have charging stations readily available. Making taking a trip almost impossible. Where would you charge at a hotel?

I can think of more arguments against this. But, I will stop here. My question is why is our state government trying to force its citizens into something they can not afford? Why is our state government taking away our liberty to chose. I say let the people decide at the next election. A hand full of people should not make the decision for a whole state.

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