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Comments:

I vociferously protest the proposal to impose minimum quotas on zero emission vehicles with the goal to eliminate internal combustion engines by 2035. If and when this technology is ready for prime time, with affordable vehicles, a sustainable supply of raw materials needed to build the batteries, including lithium and rare earths (which currently come predominantly from China - China controls 90% of rare earth processing capabilities), a electric grid that can support such a network of electric cars and their recharging needs, and a network of charging stations that are reliable and affordable, the product offering will then be compelling to the consumer and the government will not have the need to overreach and ban internal combustion engines. Let the free market work and do not try to pick winners and losers. The government has a terrible record when it tries to do so. It may be that great entrepreneurs like Elon Musk will free us from owning our own cars with autonomous driving electric cars that are a shared resource. Or maybe not. It maybe something completely new on the tech front. American will figure this out. What we don't need is an autocratic mandate from government taking away consumer choice. This is a firm vote against the Delaware plan.