

Subject: EV Mandate - public comment

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To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

Dear DNREC,

I write to you because I am opposed to the mandate regarding electric vehicles.

The negative economic impact this mandate would have is hard to fathom.

My family can not afford an electric vehicle; we can not afford the cost of replacing a battery, we can not afford the Electric increases for charging, we can not afford to install a charging station at our home.

Small Businesses in Delaware (such as my Husband and I) would not be able to haul equipment and supplies for our business.

Our Mental Health would be affected due to less time out of the home and work. Charging stations would not be able to support any extra time away from the home and work.

So my questions are:

1. How will Delaware residents charge their vehicle if they live in an apartment complex?
2. What would be the charging solutions if the grid can not hold enough electricity?
3. What would be the charging solution if a flood or storm knocks out the power for the charging stations?
4. What happens if 1st responders can not respond to an emergency, due to their electric vehicle not working correctly?
5. What will happen to Delaware's farms?
6. How will the electric vehicles batteries be recycled, especially within Delaware? These will sit in a landfill elsewhere and will produce more environmental waste than a gas powered vehicle will.
7. What will happen during emergencies for everyone? For example the F3 Tornado that hit Delaware recently. What if they owned an Electric vehicle - now they are without power to charge it and would not be able to seek alternative housing while their house is rebuilt because they would not have transportation.

Yes the Electric Vehicle may benefit some but not all. My Husband and I own a Small Business within Delaware; as a matter of fact we own a Small Auto Repair shop in Kent County. This mandate will effect our business and will not benefit us personally at all; we will likely go out of business due to this mandate.

I personally am not convinced the Electric Vehicles are better for the environment, especially when Delaware's pollution is a result from other states.

I HIGHLY urge you to reconsider the Electric Vehicle mandate. This will not only cost my family our freedom, responding to emergencies, and our jobs, but it will effect all of the population of Delaware!

Thank you,
Christina Fitzwater