

**Subject:** Vote No to the EV Mandate

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

DNREC Committee,

As a Concerned Resident of Delaware I am writing in Opposition to the Proposed EV Mandate!

I have a number of concerns with this Unconstitutional Mandate first and foremost being that it is a Mandate and not a Law going through the Legislative Process, We are not a Communist Country and We are not Ruled by Dictators.

Some of my other concerns with your mandate include the High Cost of EV's, Lack of Maintenance Facilities, No Used Car market that would provide vehicles for the low income people of Delaware & The fact that these cars seem to be disposable once the batteries are shot due to the very high cost of replacement. It has also been seen that Insurance companies are Totaling these vehicles due to high repair costs.

EV's are not the answer for all of us and many of us do not want or desire to own one and it is not within your power to Dictate what is best for us as a Free People!

The best approach to this would be to allow EV's, Gas & Diesel Powered Vehicles & any New Technologies to share the market while improvements to Emissions and Technology are made.

Another concern with EV's is related to the Mining of all the needed materials and how that greatly affects our environment along with the fact that the batteries do not seem to be easily recycled.

I am not against Green Energy or Protecting our Environment I am however 100% Against Mandates. Part of the problem with these technologies is the high cost compared to traditional sources. I had a Solar System Installed and while it has performed well the Initial cost is still too high and will need to come down considerably to become mainstream. Another example showing the high cost of the technology is a Zero Turn Mower I looked at while getting some Parts recently. An EV commercial grade mower was 8k more expensive than it's gas powered equivalent this is just not feasible or practical!

So I ask why do you feel the need to force this technology upon us? Why not let us continue to choose what works best for our families and our situations? All of these technologies will improve with time and if these EV's are so great you wouldn't need a mandate we would all line up to buy them!

No to the EV Mandate!

Respectfully,  
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