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I am a long-time resident of Delaware and am in full support of Delaware regulations mandating transition away from vehicles using internal combustion engines. I feel regulations promoting transition to electric vehicles will accelerate technological improvements in vehicle design and function by providing incentive to manufacturers to innovate and improve their products. Just as we witnessed rapid innovative achievements in the transition from the traditional incandescent light bulb into the wide range of LED lighting alternatives enjoyed today, we can expect innovative improvements to increase the functionality of full-electric vehicles while costs drop precipitously once world-wide market competition becomes universal. The benefits are enormous: -- Electric vehicles don't produce harmful emissions that pollute the air we breathe. -- Electric vehicles help reduce our dependence on oil, a finite resource that becomes more expensive to extract and refine as time goes on. -- Electric vehicles enjoy lower operating costs than gas-powered cars because electricity is cheaper than gasoline. -- Electric vehicles require less maintenance because they have fewer moving parts to wear and break down. The maintenance aspect in itself is a game changer. Electric vehicle will be thought of as household appliances wherein reliability is a given and maintenance becomes -- in the case of electric vehicles -- the occasional tire rotation and car wash. In anticipation of the switch to electric vehicles, I commend Delaware's proactive installation of public charging stations and promotion of charger-ready infrastructure in new homes that further supports the realization of electric vehicles as being easily maintained plug-in-able household appliances. The shift to electric vehicles is imminent and inevitable. Electric vehicles are better for the environment. Electric vehicles help reduce our dependence on oil. And electric vehicles will become ever more affordable and practical for everyday use as market competition and innovations prevail over time. I am delighted to endorse Delaware's effort to join with other states to encourage more rapid adoption of electric vehicles. Thank you Governor Carney, DNREC, and all who ensure the continuation of Delaware's First State traditions.