

Subject: EV Mandate

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I do not support this initiative, and feel it is being forced upon the citizens of Delaware.

EVs certainly have a place in today's world, but should be phased in as opposed to a mandate. I do not believe that EVs fit everyone's needs and that there should be choice for the people to choose between gas, or electric.

The infrastructure in Delaware is currently not set up to accommodate this mandate. How will Delaware expand this infrastructure, if enacted, in time to accommodate the volume of EVs that the proposal mandates? I suspect an increase in taxes to the citizens would be in line to fund this project. In a time where the cost of living is higher than it has ever been is not the time to add yet another expense for the people to bear.

I urge the DNREC Secretary drop this current proposal and work with stakeholders on both sides to come up with a proposal that the citizens of Delaware can support.

Thank you for your time,

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