

**Subject:** Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control's (DNREC) electric vehicle mandate

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

Hello Delaware Natural Resource Hearing committee or Theresa Newman,

Thank you for this opportunity to express my concerns regarding DNREC electric vehicle mandate. I am extremely concerned and sadden that The First State would consider using the environment as an excuse to force American tax paying citizens to purchase any electrical vehicles.

Electric Vehicles are built with the sweat of African children from the Congo who risk limbs, lives and countless hours struggling to breathe in these dark unsafe mines to extract the Colbalt from the Colbalt Mines. Shame on the first state and all of it's legislative members that would even consider such a horrific crime to risk young innocent black lives for the so called greater good of going green. How many times will humanity destroy the innocent vulnerable populations for a commodity to make American elites richer?

Electric vehicles also hinder Delawareans tax payers buying power by forcing Delawareans to purchase an electric car against our will. Electric cars are extremely expensive and inconvenient.

The cost for an electric car out ways the so called good. Even with the so called incentives and tax rebates (\$7,500) which doesn't even cover a fourth of the car costs. The vehicles start at 60K why would anyone want to own a vehicle that's extremely expensive and will depreciates in value the moment it leaves the sales lot. Also electric cars have to recharge every 200 miles which is a waste of time and effort. Who has the time to spend charging and recharging a battery that's extremely expensive and only lasts for a few years? Who has the time to locate a charging station. What a waste of tax payers time. Delawareans have family obligations outside of work and electric vehicles create an added burden by consuming unnecessary time.

Electric car batteries often short, explode or stop working during a thunderstorm, hurricane or lightening. I've witnessed to many electric cars exploding or shorting on the highways due to the weather elements.

Another consideration is where will the car batteries be stored once the battery is old?

I recently learned that all electrical car batteries are unsafe to store in a public or storage area due to the toxic cobalt which means they are not safe for the environment.

Also, here's a thought batteries require gasoline to run which means it's not too environmentally friendly.

Forcing or attempting to convenience Delawareans to purchase a vehicle that's not cost effective, but time consuming and is not safe due to the black child labor exploitation in Congo Africa is extremely unwise decision.

Sincerely,  
Tiny Lewis