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I am not against technology moving forward in regard to alternatives to gasoline and diesel fuels. When horses were eliminated as a form of transportation, it was done gradually, by the free market gradually as the technologies improved over time. Not by mandating unrealistic timelines and rules that cannot possibly be achieved. Wind and solar technologies are not advanced enough to support the plan. Presently the way the grid is, and how much power it produces, if we did not have electric cars the system already cannot support the future. We are already going to be in the hole regarding the demand for power within 10 years. The residential transformers could not handle every home having an electric car charging. The system will fail. Let's talk about the social, business, and agricultural issues. Retired, fixed income, and underprivileged residents cannot spend the amount of money needed to purchase an electric vehicle. Many of the homes they live in cannot support charging a car either, I am referring to older homes, mobile homes, apartments and public housing. When government employees and politicians virtue signal all the time about helping these residents, yet this mandate will destroy their lives. Farmers cannot have gasoline work trucks, tow truck drivers, well drillers, and construction vehicles cannot be all electric. The technology does not exist. Not to mention the financial heartache they will all suffer. It costs more to charge a car than to buy gasoline or diesel. Why should my tax dollars be spent on an unrealistic mandated timeline that could be driven naturally by the free market and companies advancing technologies over time. This whole plan is based on old data from New Castle County. Why is this statewide? If all the people want to do this in New Castle County, let them. Just leave Kent and Sussex where the air quality is good alone. The US contributes 15% of the world's pollution. China, Russia, India, Pakistan, Vietnam contribute the other 85%. China is continually building coal power plants. The South China Sea has floating islands of plastic floating around from Asia throwing everything in the ocean. Nobody ever does anything about it. But I am going to be mandated to buy electric cars to save the planet, really?! This plan is ridiculous for the State of Delaware. It is like dumping a cup of sand to the beach and calling it beach replenishment. California is a mess. Why do we want to imitate them? They have rolling brown-outs and they tell their residents not to charge their cars certain times of the day. You think that that will not happen here? If you do, you are in denial. Let those who want electric cars buy them, it is free market, it is their right to do so. I am not against them. I JUST DO NOT SUPPORT A MANDATE TAKING RESIDENTS RIGHTS AWAY AND FORCING UPON THEM TO BUY SOMETHING THEY DO NOT WANT OR CANNOT AFFORD. William Cullin