

Subject: Electric Vehicle Proposal

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From: John Mullin

To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to the proposed mandate to eliminate gas powered automobiles in Delaware. I feel it is wrong for several reasons:

1/ We should not be forced to drive electric vehicles. It is not the right of the government to force the people to comply without fair choice of referendum. List the choice on the ballot to allow everyone to choose.

2/ We do not have the infrastructure to switch over to all electric. It would be expensive to have a sufficient number of gas pumps AND electric charging stations.

3/ There would still need to be gas pumps for the current vehicles. The government cannot state how long a car is useful...A gas vehicle which was bought last year could last 15 years, 20 years, or even longer. It would be unfair to tell these vehicle owners that gas pumps will start disappearing and will be virtually nonexistent by a specific year.

4/ This gas pump shortage would be a huge issue to out of state drivers who are passing through Delaware driving gas vehicles.

5/In addition to out of state drivers passing through Delaware, consider our state's motorists driving through other states. Will the days of planning a long distance driving vacation come to an end.

6/Everything I have heard/read states that electric vehicles will be more expensive than similar gas engines. It is wrong to purposely price new vehicles out of reach for the average consumer.

7/ I have also read that the length of charge will not be nearly as long as gas. Put another way, my current vehicle can go 500 miles on a tank of gas. If you can find an electric car capable of covering 500 miles on a single charge, I am sure the cost of such a vehicle would be astronomical. I live in Seaford and must drive to Philadelphia for work in the aviation field. Will an electric vehicle run for 120 miles, remain charged while it sits for 4-5 days, then get me back home on a single charge?

8/ There are certain neighborhoods where I would not want to leave my electric car plugged in overnight. Vandalism and/or theft of electricity is a real concern.

Please consider these thoughts in your decision making process.

Thank you,

John Mullin

Sent from my iPhone