

Subject: No to EV mandate

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I DO NOT support any type of EV mandate or ban on gas powered vehicles. These are the reasons why:

1. There are many struggling families who cannot pay their bills and will not be able to afford an EV that costs about \$14,000 more than a traditional gas vehicle.
2. The choice of whether to buy an EV or gas vehicle should be left up to the consumer, especially since Delaware already meets the standard for air quality.
3. Motor vehicle emissions have already fallen in this state and therefore we DO NOT need any kind of EV mandate.
4. Our power grid cannot handle a huge influx of EVs needing to be charged everyday. California is already having problems meeting their demand for electricity and has experienced rolling blackouts.
5. EVs, if charged by a coal fired power plant, do not reduce carbon dioxide emissions and these vehicles are a far cry from "zero emissions."
6. Our government in Delaware and the United States is based on our elected representatives making decisions for us - not an *unaccountable* government body like DNREC.
7. Many business people in Delaware will be put out of work by this mandate - gas station owners, repair shops, car salespeople, etc.
8. The batteries in EVs are extremely dangerous to deal with when they are used up. We don't have a safe way of disposing of them.
9. What about car accidents that lead to damage to the batteries? Dangerous chemicals would be exposed in the environment and first responders would be in danger.

This type of regulation would be disastrous and many people would be forced to leave Delaware, just like the numerous amounts of people who are fleeing California. Please say no to any type of EV mandate.

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