

Subject: EV Mandate

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Dear Governor Carney,

The basis for which I present my opinion and arguments against your dictatorial government mandates rests within the State of Delaware Constitution to which you have sworn an oath before GOD and we the people to uphold:

WE THE PEOPLE, HEREBY ORDAIN AND ESTABLISH THIS CONSTITUTION OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

PREAMBLE

Through Divine goodness, all men have by nature the rights of worshiping and serving their Creator according to the dictates of their consciences, of enjoying and defending life and liberty, of acquiring and protecting reputation and property, and in general of obtaining objects suitable to their condition, without injury by one to another; and as these rights are essential to their welfare, for due exercise thereof, power is inherent in them; and therefore all just authority in the institutions of political society is derived from the people, and established with their consent, to advance their happiness; and they may for this end, as circumstances require, from time to time, alter their Constitution of government.

WE DECLARE THAT EVERYTHING IN THIS ARTICLE IS RESERVED OUT OF THE GENERAL POWERS OF GOVERNMENT HEREINAFTER MENTIONED.

ARTICLE II.

LEGISLATURE

A§1. General Assembly to hold legislative power; composition.

Section 1. The legislative power of this State shall be vested in a General Assembly, which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives.

ARTICLE III.

EXECUTIVE

§17. Execution of laws.

Section 17. He shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.

ARTICLE XIV.

OATH OF OFFICE

§1. Form of oath for members of General Assembly and public officers.

Members of the General Assembly and all public officers executive and judicial, except such inferior officers as shall be by law exempted, shall, before they enter upon the duties of their respective offices, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation:

"I, ____ (name), _____ do proudly swear (or affirm) to carry out the responsibilities of the office of __ (name of office) _____ to the best of my ability, freely acknowledging that the powers of this office flow from the people I am privileged to represent. I further swear (or affirm) always to place the public interest above any special or personal interests, and to respect the right of future generations to share the rich historic and natural heritage of Delaware. In doing so I will always uphold and defend the Constitutions of my Country and my State, so help me God." No other oath, declaration or test shall be required as a qualification for any office of public trust.

Governor John Carney, your electric vehicle MANDATES ARE DICTATORIAL and do NOT represent the will of We The People and is against the State of Delaware Constitution for which you have sworn an oath to uphold. I am a resident of the state of Delaware and **strongly oppose** your dictatorial mandates.

You are **not** KING. Have you already forgotten our founding fathers fought the Revolutionary War for our freedoms and liberties—against a dictatorial monarchy—King George of England. Out of that War, a Representative Government was formed—a Government OF, BY AND FOR WE THE PEOPLE. The Declaration of Independence, The Bill of Rights, the United States Constitution, and the Delaware Constitution. Your Dictatorial Government mandate is unAmerican and goes against our representative form of government and must end immediately.

Not only are you overstepping your authority as governor of the State of Delaware, your mandates are far reaching and are incredibly disruptive to the people of this state.

I am not against electric vehicles. I am **against the mandates**. Let we the people decide what type of vehicle is best for ourselves. Let the market work its magic. Government mandates are disruptive to a free enterprise society.

Serious areas of concern:

- **Higher cost:**

Similar models of electric vehicles cost \$10,000-\$15,000 more than their combustion engine counterparts.

A battery is a lithium ion blackbox that can make up 50 to 70% of the electric vehicle's value. The reality is that if the battery dies, so does the car. Electric vehicle range decreases over time as batteries get older. (Recurrent written by Liz Najman, Researcher 3/27/2023)

The electrical infrastructure to support the electrification of vehicles is virtually nonexistent not only in the state of Delaware, but also all across America.

Reliability and capacity of the electric grid is already in question before the dramatic increase in electricity demand the mandate will require. California, where this policy is adopted from government mandates, has already asked residents to refrain from charging their vehicles and refrain from using electricity for home appliances, during periods of high electric usage. This has caused increases in electricity costs especially during peak hours.

These additional costs and concerns have a negative impact on the used-car market—a market that people of lower income and the poor heavily rely upon.

Constraining supply of traditional vehicles will result in higher costs for those cars and trucks.

Tax credits for purchases of an electric vehicle is another form of redistribution of wealth and adversely affects the middle class who already bear the brunt of government dictates.

- **Performance issues:**

Battery performance is inconsistent when the weather is particularly hot or cold.

Vehicle ranges are reduced when carrying heavy loads like trailers and work equipment. Expect the cost of any service that involves heavy equipment to increase.

Long range road trips will be severely inconvenienced by the need to stop more frequently for extended times to recharge. This is a human cost of unproductivity.

- **Cause more harm than good:**

Vehicle fires involving electric vehicles are much more dangerous for emergency vehicle personnel, and others near a burning vehicle.

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Emergency evacuations will be severely hindered and will place lives in unnecessary and extraordinary danger.

People will become sitting ducks to criminals while waiting for their vehicle to be recharged.

Mining for the toxic minerals required for electric vehicles, particularly cobalt, poses ethical issues and human rights abuses of mining in the Congo. A.K.A. blood batteries. Are you taking the approach— it doesn't personally affect you or your family so it doesn't matter; or is it that you don't care, because you consider those people disposable?

What are your long-term plans to dispose of the thousand pound batteries and the toxic trash when they're no longer usable?

- **Detrimentially affects the poor:**

The effects of this mandate will be particularly harmful to families and individuals at lower income levels.

Electric vehicle mandates will cause transportation costs to increase. The lower income a person has the higher proportion of their income it will take to pay their transportation costs.

Cost to recharge vehicles will likely be higher at commercial locations available to the public than they will be at home charging stations. The poor will unlikely have access to home charging stations.

A general increase in transportation cost is a barrier to obtaining a job at any distance from one's residence. Individuals who live far from thriving, successful businesses will have fewer opportunities for well-paying jobs.

Many of our citizens are on fixed incomes, are young new families just starting their careers, and some are small business owners who can't afford the high ticket price of EV's. These additional costs should NOT be redistributed to other Delaware taxpayer.

Delaware air has never been cleaner and Delaware is already fully compliant with environmental protection agency standards. Delaware is not California. Delawareans do not want to be like California. Delawareans believe in freedom to choose what's best for them and their families.

Governor Carney are you listening? — we demand that you STOP the mandates!

Sincerely,

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