

Subject: My support for the adoption of the Advanced Clean Cars 2 Program

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To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

To DNREC,
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I am sorry to be sending this on the deadline. I'm sadly a procrastinator, but happily, an EV driver since 2015.

I am in strong support of the proposal for Delaware to adopt the Advanced Clean Cars 2 regulations, as currently in place in California. Vehicle emissions from traditional automobiles is a primary contributor to poor air quality. Support for long-term limits on the marketing of gasoline-powered cars and support for the successful transition to electric and other alternate energy sources will support improvements in air quality, and in turn will support public health.

And from a personal perspective, when I moved to Delaware from New Jersey in 2016, I found I couldn't get service here in Delaware for my car, a 2015 Kia SouleEV. I was disappointed to find out that car dealers in Delaware did NOT support EV autos as they did in New Jersey – I even had to drive back to NJ for an easy recall service!

When my SouleEV lease was up, I looked for another EV. No Delaware dealers carried or could service the newer EVs from Kia or Hyundai. Ultimately, I had to travel to Maryland to purchase my 2018 Chevy BoltEV, since stocks in Delaware were far more sparse. Subsequently, my husband decided to purchase a 2018 Tesla Model 3 – but we couldn't have it delivered in Delaware, and had to drive over an hour to Cherry Hill, NJ to take delivery.

Even now, four years later, while the situation in Delaware is improving (including the Delaware Supreme Court ruling to allow Tesla deliveries in Delaware), the support for EVs from many local car dealers is still limited. We hope that initiatives such as the Advanced Clean Cars 2 plan will finally break the logjam, and encourage all Delaware car dealers to embrace the new technologies that offer health benefits and real economic benefits to EV drivers.

It's time to take assertive steps to reduce our air pollution from cars and increase consumer choice by encouraging the shift away from fossil-fuel powered vehicles. The Advanced Clean Cars 2 initiative is a great first start.

Thank you,
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