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Some Pre-requisites for Delaware's Proposed ZEV Mandate Regulations 1. Affordable EV prices (on par with new gas powered vehicles). Current prices are out of reach of many Delawareans. 2. Establish a robust, stable power grid. We can recall being asked to reduce electric usage during a heat wave to prevent brownouts and power outages. 3. Sufficient and widespread availability of charging stations...e.g., apartment complexes 4. Energy costs are will continue to skyrocket as power plants are forced to convert from carbon based fuels. By forcing Delawareans toward EVs in the name of "green energy" note that: - Power is generated mainly from oil/ coal and some natural gas. Nuclear power is feared thus not prevalent. Solar and wind power are not reliable (weather dependent). We all are well aware of summer heatwaves and being asked to reduce electric usage to prevent brownouts and outages. - Rechargeable EV batteries have a finite life thus creating a new waste stream. Batteries contain several rare earth elements. - America will become dependent on China for the rare earth minerals used in the batteries. America can be energy independent if we so choose!!