

I am all for protecting the environment and clean air, but I am opposed to Delaware's proposed adoption of zero-emission vehicles for several reasons. I believe that it should be left up to the consumer to decide what type of vehicle they want to own. It is overstepping the role of a government agency to have the authority for such a mandate. We are a nation that was founded on the principles of freedom.

This mandate would be a hardship for many middle-income and low-income people living in Delaware. The cost of purchasing electric vehicles is prohibitive for so many, including myself. I believe this will lead to many people not registering their vehicles and then driving uninsured.

Our electric bills in the warmer months are already too high and I can't imagine what they would be like if you add on charging your vehicles. The increased demand for electricity would likely cause blackouts during heat waves. Also, if we did experience blackouts or loss of power from storms, we would not be able to charge our vehicles at all. We do not yet have the infrastructure in place for apartment buildings and other high-density areas.

I implore you not to rush into this as I feel it will have many negative consequences. A better idea would be to offer financial incentives for purchasing electric vehicles. Please let the free market and the people decide.