

**Subject:** EV Mandate

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As a taxpayer, living in Viola, I am vehemently opposed to the mandate of the DNREC Secretary. This mandate is fraught with many issues, one being the forced compliance to a dictate from an appointed individual, not elected and not authorized to create laws! The DNREC Sec. has failed to present any plausible information that shows the development of infrastructure for charging EV! This ludicrous mandate fails to consider the impact that EV will have on the power grid! My God, it is already overloaded, with Delaware Power and Light, Delaware Cooperative, periodically requesting electricity users to conserve power due to the load demands caused by weather! Imagine the impact of thousands of EV being online, charging! No new power plants are planned! The cost of EV are prohibitive, which will impact heavily on underserved citizens! What plans have been developed to deal with the recycling of thousands of batteries, which will need replacement, with 100,000 miles being a benchmark? This mandate smacks of creeping socialism, which I, as a veteran, am totally against! Listen to the people! WE, THE PEOPLE, should be the ones who decide what is best for us, not some governor appointed secretary! Oh, and look what is happening out in California, where this proposal came from! Get real!