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The requirement that only EV's be sold in Delaware and conventional gas powered vehicles will not be registered here is like getting ahead of our headlights.

Let the market work. If you (government) are insistent on transitioning to EV's, focus on reliable power generation, transmission, and fast and efficient recharging. In addition, and vitally important, the public (and apparently you) need to understand the danger EV's pose due to combustion battery pack combustion, both spontaneous and collision risks. If the EV movement was open, EV owners would be encouraged not to park in their attached garages, but outside away from the house due to the rate of spontaneous battery fires. These fires burn extremely hot and are extremely hard to extinguish. The public also needs to understand the sky rocketing cost of EV auto insurance, a significant hidden cost. Only with those elements addressed, will the public willingly purchase EV's in mass.

The free market has handled many technology transitions. It will work again, if visible hand (government), will act responsively.

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