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My name is Deborah Stayton and I reside in DE, zip code 19901. I oppose the above regulation for several reasons.

First, DNREC is proposing a mandate which serves as a law, even though the public has not voted for those proposing the mandate, nor the mandate itself. I believe this is a huge overstep of the executive branch of our government.

How will this effect the population economically? The mandate creates a tremendous financial burden Electric vehicles average \$60,000 +, which makes them unaffordable to lower and even middle income populations.

Secondly, battery charging in one's garage is rather simple but to those living in townhouses and apartments, this is virtually impossible. Making charging stations available to those living in such housing imposes great costs to a builder or owner of such housing. That cost would be passed onto the consumer and increase their rent or sale price.

In addition, I have grave concerns about safety. I just read about a Tesla driver who pulled his car over due to a seeming problem and his car erupted in flames...caused by his battery.

In Florida, EV's caught fire, due to the salt water surge, spreading flames to structures and wreaking havoc for the firemen attempting to extinguish these fires. It took hours, which meant firemen and their vehicles were not available for other fires. It also wasted huge amounts of water and polluted ground water with run-off.

Please see the forest; stop focusing on the trees. We need to review the many negative ramifications of such a mandate.

Don't pass this.

Deborah Stayton