

Subject: Proposed Gas-Powered Vehicle Mandate

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I am strongly opposed to mandating a requirement like this for Delaware residents. This should be a choice, not a mandate, for residents. Additionally, as a scientist, I find it hard to justify the environmental gains by taking such actions, as it does not appear to consider the cost, sourcing and polluting nature of the elements used in the required automotive batteries. Pursuit of the expanded use of hybrid vehicles, via tax advantages, would appear to be a much preferred route and one that can be accommodated much more readily in the near future. That approach still has the desired environmental impact of reducing the carbon footprint.

Let's make wise decisions for the majority of our residents, especially when considering environmental impact laws that would significantly alter something as critical as driving automobiles of our own choosing within our state.

Respectfully,

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