

**Subject:** Delaware DNREC Electric Vehicle Mandate

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**To:** HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

I am writing to record my opposition to the proposed EV Mandate.

I have been a Delaware resident for the last 79 years, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to the above proposed mandate.

The United States has one of the greatest free-market economies in the world where citizens choose what products to buy or not buy based on their individual preferences. Since there are already Federal subsidies in place to incentivize the purchase of EVs and construct EV charging stations, that's enough!

Buying a car is a big-ticket item, and Americans freedom of choice should not be taken away.

Furthermore, since 75-85% of Delaware's electricity is generated by fossil fuels anyway, I question the effectiveness of mandating the purchase of EVs, because carbon emissions are simply being transferred from the tailpipe of a car to the smoke stack of an electric power generating facility. Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Regards, James V. DiSabatino