

Subject: EV Mandate - OPPOSED!!!

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To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

Dear People:

I am opposed to the proposed rule mandating a switch to EV vehicles in Delaware. The state's mandate to gradually restrict gas-powered vehicle sales between 2026-2035, at which time gas-powered vehicle sales would be banned, will have a deleterious effect on Delaware residents in many ways, without offering any tangible benefits.

Government is supposed to be “of the people, by the people and for the people”, not making tyrannical decisions from on high, as with this proposal. Anything like a mandate that affects all Delaware residents should go through the legislative process so we the people have a real chance to express our concerns and desires.

Here are some immediate problems with the mandate:

1) This mandate will deprive residents of transportation choices.

a) EVs are too expensive for average car buyers, even with rebates. People on limited budgets would be unable to afford such a luxury.

b) Low and moderate income families will have trouble finding transportation. The cost of used gas-powered cars will necessarily skyrocket as demand increases.

2) EVs have major problems, including battery life and driving range. Until these issues are resolved, EVs are an unreliable source for normal daily transportation.

3) EVs do not have sufficient power for heavy vehicles such as pickup trucks carrying a load or ANY type of vehicle pulling a trailer (boat, camper, utility, etc.).

4) EV vehicle charging is problematic for many residents, not only because of the lack of charging stations, but also because the length of time needed to charge those vehicles. In addition, anyone living in an apartment or without a garage will not be able to charge their vehicle at home — if police can't stop catalytic convertor thefts, how can they protect people's EV cars on a charger overnight?

5) Delaware's electric grid will have trouble meeting residents' needs with the addition of increased EVs. Unless and until electric capacity is increased and stable, the EV mandate will lead to brown-outs for Delawareans.

In addition to the above concerns, there is a real problem with the mandate's premise. Nothing that Delaware would do would have any affect on global temperatures because carbon dioxide does not control the world temperatures. Historically, atmospheric CO2 actually follows a warmer Earth, NOT the other way around as is popularly believed. In addition, carbon dioxide is not a 'pollutant'; our world cannot and would not exist without carbon dioxide as food for plants.

There is NO catastrophic global warming; computer programs that 'predict' such warming have never been shown to accurate. In the scientific method, you can propose a theory (such as computer generated temperature increases), but then that theory must be tested against reality. That is where the computer modeling programs have failed—the actual data does not align with computer predicted temperatures. There are plenty of real scientists who disagree with the politicians who promote catastrophe.

In summary I urge DNREC and the Delaware governor to drop this mandate idea. It is not good for Delaware families.

Best regards,

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