

Subject: Proposed EV mandate

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To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

Dear Governor Carney and Mr. Garvin:

This email is to notify you that my wife and I are opposed to the proposed Electric Vehicle mandate requiring that all cars sold in Delaware must be EV by 2035.

We think that this mandate is wrong and un-American. If someone wants to buy an Electric Vehicle because they feel it's better for the environment, then it's their choice. They can take public transportation or ride a bike or walk. But this is not an option for people who live outside the cities, like us. We should not be forced to buy something that is more expensive, not environmentally friendly, and will limit our freedom to travel.

We enjoy driving our car long distances to visit relatives, and can travel any time of year up to 350 miles on a tank of gas. Our understanding is that it can take up to 45 minutes to charge an EV, if we can find an open and operating charging station, and the EV has a shorter range than a gas-powered car. We will probably have to add a charging station at our house, that will add to our monthly electric bill. This added cost will probably offset our savings in gasoline. And we will have to replace the batteries at some point, which is very expensive we understand.

The batteries are almost entirely dependent on China manufacturers, so we would be helping China become a more rich country, and the batteries are not good for the environment when they are dead and disposed of. The EV chargers will use our electric grid, which may not support the added load. And EV's pay no highway maintenance taxes, so how will the highways be maintained?

Finally, we are retired and live on a fixed income. These EV cars are much more expensive than regular cars, and we doubt we will be able to afford them. If this mandate is put into effect, we will probably sell our house and move to another state that does not have an EV mandate, so we can enjoy our retirement and travel. We will probably not be the only ones to do this. There will be a lot of lost tax revenue for Delaware.

And remember, if there is an emergency, such as a hurricane or other natural disaster, having a gasoline powered vehicle will enable a vast majority of residents in our beach community to leave the area on short notice. If we need up to 45 minutes to charge our electric vehicle (if a charger is even available) this would not be the case.

Thank you and please re-consider this proposal, because it does not make sense.

-William and Lynn Schuck
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