

Subject: EV Mandate

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Put Delaware Citizens health, safety and freedom of choice first instead of playing "follow the leader". If electric cars are the next best thing, let the market decide - **NOT AN ENFORCED MANDATE**. The safety issues far out weigh air quality which Delaware is not the cause.

The medium income family will not be able to afford an electric car or the replacement batteries. Electric cars are twice as expensive as fuel powered vehicles and a proposed \$10,000 rebate for the purchase of an electric car will not make a difference. Also, the replacement of a \$20,000+ battery is as much as most families can afford to spend for a vehicle to start with

The battery usage on an electric car is limited. It is only beneficial in city and urban uses for those that can afford them or would want them. It is not practical for rural uses. People will not be able to afford to install their own electric chargers and maintain the extra cost. We do not have the infrastructure to support the requirements.

What happens when there are major road back ups and electric cars run out of battery usage. Think of this during excess cold/heat, bad weather, snow storms or some other state emergency. All events can create extra power drain affecting heat/air conditioning for those in need and also prevent emergency equipment from responding to a life or death situation due to grid locks of electric cars with dead batteries.

In California - an accident happened which pushed an electric car into a pond. The driver was trapped. Emergency responders went into the water to extract the drive. Once the water came above their boots, both were electrocuted and died !!!! Check the facts! First responders are seriously hampered knowing where the electric cables are run through out the vehicles endangering their lives. When electric batteries catch fire they cannot be put out.

The welfare and safety of all the citizens in Delaware are being put at risk. What terrible catastrophe will have to happen to wake you up ????

My family has been in Delaware since an original land grant to them from William Penn. Delaware was always a free state and not a controlled state dominated by a few. The will of the people should be the deciding force. **An EV Mandate is wrong and not a freedom of choice.**

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