Fwd: No EV Mandate

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From: Doug Griffith <doug@xtremebrewing.com>
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Dear Governor Carney & Secretary Garvin,

As Governor of Delaware and Secretary of DNREC you should absolutely have the welfare of the people of Delaware as your highest responsibility. It's not a question of electric cars having a place in our future but it must be the right time after the right cohesive planning, effective implementation and at the right scale balanced with other types of energy. The EV mandate at this moment in time, is a really bad idea.

We have a state constitution and an elected legislative body. Secretary Garvin, DNREC it seems has become the Governor's personal enforcement body outside any legislative oversight.

I did participate in one of the Zoom "workshops" recently so I have a taste for the DNREC spin. Since a key reason said for pushing the mandate is the sub-par air quality tied to Philadelphia, which means affecting the Wilmington area – then simply implement your mandate above the canal in Newcastle County. Prove it works so well that Kent and Sussex will gladly want to adopt it.

Your EV mandate is simply NOT VIABLE. The points listed are just some of the reasons and are really rather obvious. Most concerning are the electric grids– both state and national – they WILL NOT support the increased load as they currently exist. Much is urgently needed to harden and improve capacity on our grids even without the issue of EV mandates but where's the evidence of a plan?

- True costs of owning an electric car continue to grow – expensive car price, battery replacement costs, specific high price tires, higher insurance rates and that's only what we know.

- True every day, reliable capabilities of electric cars are still more wish than reality. We simply cannot depend the current level of their technology; the technology needs time to evolve.

- True cost of electricity will be a black hole of rising costs across the board for everyone plus charger installation fees for homes and businesses "lucky" enough to get one.

- The reality of EVERY PERSON in Delaware having to charge a car is staggering –
    - People in rentals – what's the plan, who pays for the charger, rents go even higher
    - People who park on the street do what?
    - Tourists in our beach hotels, or those in Wilmington as a matter of fact – what requirements will the hotels have to provide chargers, what effect on room costs, etc
    - What do you do when your car is dead on the road? Anyone can bring a can of gas to the car today but what will there be mobile chargers and who pays for that?

- The sheer magnitude of the effect on trucks, tractors and other large equipment and the higher cost of goods raised, produced and transported is insane.

Yes, Governor, your mandate and Secretary Garvin, the use of DNREC, are huge failures in your joint responsibility to the people of Delaware. The impact of your mandate will severely impact every person and business especially those who can least afford it. I think you are aware of all the reasons why Delaware is not ready for this premature EV push so what's behind this flagrant power play? Our state legislature should be involved and much more information and research provided at all levels. Actually, let's vote on it!

We deserve and require basic common sense planning and execution that is right for Delaware.

Governor Carney and Secretary Garvin, if you push this through then you have simply failed us, again. And, it's a shame because together with the right people involved in the right plan and executing at the right time Delaware could be the model for the rest of the country.

Douglas Griffith

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