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I am writing today out of grave concern for the residents of Kent County Delaware. I keep seeing proposed legislation that is detrimental to the future of Kent County, and that is not viable with our current infrastructure. This legislation is detrimental to business owners, residents, and our agricultural community. I also believe these changes are being made without the benefit of proper public testimony, or the right for us, as residents of the State, to vote or have our voices heard.

The public hearings that were held by DNREC were virtual, and many that live in the agricultural areas do not have high speed internet. I'm sure you are aware of this glaring failure by the State.

I am a small business owner. I am a registered Democrat, and one who is questioning if I will be able to maintain that status. I am opposed to your adoption of the California Zero-Emission Vehicle Standards. Most small businesses and agricultural businesses have to maintain delivery and work trucks. These do not fall above the 14,000 lb limit. For example a Chevy Duramax or a Ford F250. We do not have charging stations. I own one of the few machine shops left in the State. I do work for large corporations. I put approximately 35,000 miles a year on a Chevy Tahoe. There is no way an all electric vehicle would be a viable option for me. I also have several other delivery vehicles. It is not uncommon for me to leave at 5 am to get around DC before traffic is heavy, have a meeting in Western VA, and drive back in the same day. I can not afford to stop every 250 miles to charge.

It is my understanding that Delaware already falls below the threshold at which CO2 would be problematic. I believe people would be more supportive of a measured transition into a diverse fleet of vehicles that would include gas and electric. Give people the option to do what works for them in their lives. Offer incentives for those that will benefit, while allowing those that it is simply not viable for to continue using their best option.

Worry about providing your residents with what they need NOW. Stop trying to impose more restrictions on a State that simply doesn't have the infrastructure in place. You could start by making sure that every household in Delaware has affordable high speed internet.

This is going to kill small businesses and deter future small business growth in our state.

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