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Governor Carney, Shawn Garvin, Rep Griffith, Senator Evans-Gay,

I have read once more that you, Governor Carney, and the Department of Natural Resources stand in favor of the Zero Emissions proposal, which will ban the sale of new gas-powered vehicles by the year 2035.

I stand in support of protecting our environment but this is not the way to do that.

Where is the research into what will happen with batteries that wear out, both in terms of replacement cost (\$16,000 is the current projection for the replacement cost.... Wow!) and in terms of where those will get disposed. Talk about a negative impact on our environment.

Where is the research into how this will negatively impact businesses that are built around servicing cars? Where will those trained automotive professionals turn for employment when their knowledge is based on gas-powered engines?

What happens when everyone is drawing on the power grid at once? I've read the news of mandates in other parts of the country where people were not allowed to charge their cars due to weather conditions and have read of that happening in other countries, too.

How will people who are lower on the economic scale be able to afford these higher-priced vehicles? Heck, how will any of us be able to do this? How do you just add charging stations into the city? How do businesses accommodate this? Think of all the gas stations that will need to be redesigned to handle this.

Why can't Delaware take the lead into investigating other forms of energy sources, rather than following a poor example set by California?

I am against the Zero-Emissions Vehicle Standards Mandate and am hopeful that you can find another way to be mindful of our environment without resorting to something that does not feel as though it has been thought through properly. I am hopeful that you give more consideration to all the negative impact this will have upon the citizens who elected you, too.

Give the residents of Delaware a choice of electric vehicles or gas. Set incentives for electric vehicles once you have the data in hand that shows what can be done with the batteries once they die and how someone will be able to afford a replacement battery. But please... do not enact the mandate.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
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