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Hello,

I am reaching out to you both about my concerns with a proposed mandate regarding the sale of gasoline and diesel vehicles. I do not think this mandate is good for Delaware for a number of reasons.

We are seeing the effects of this in California and it is not going well. We should not be following in their footsteps. People are leaving that state in droves in response to mandates like the one Delaware is proposing. In my opinion, it is going to be much easier for people to leave Delaware than it would for someone to leave California. This will drive out people and businesses. Why deal with this when you can easily move your business or family to New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, or any other surrounding state? This will hurt our economy. I have lived in Delaware my entire life and my family will need to move in a few years to find a larger home, this mandate will push us to move outside the state unfortunately.

Additionally, the financial burden this will add to families is immense. Electronic vehicles are significantly more expensive than gas vehicles. I am currently looking to upgrade my car to a more family friendly vehicle and unfortunately the option to buy a hybrid or fully electronic vehicle is way out of my budget. Car prices are already at an all time high and the second the car is offered as an EV it adds at least \$5000-\$1000. This will disproportionately affect those from lower income families. In addition, once you have the car and you need a new battery the cost can be close to 16000 to replace it. That is a lot to ask of our fellow Delawareans and I do not think that a goal date of 2035 will solve these problems.

I would also ask that you do research into how these batteries are made. The villages where they are mining for the materials needed for these batteries are suffering. The people there are working in extremely hazardous conditions. This is not something that we should be supporting. We need to evaluate the companies that are making the batteries and ensure they are monitoring these facilities.

I wholeheartedly oppose this mandate and will continue to encourage my fellow Delawareans

to look into this before following blindly.

I understand the intent behind this mandate but do not think this is the right way to go about this. Forcing people to purchase the vehicles you want them to buy seems like a violation of our freedoms. A simple tax credit seems like a better route in my opinion.

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