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I would like to ask you to not pass the EV Mandate regulation for several reasons:

- Delaware actually meets the clean air standards and the data being used to say otherwise are from 2017.
- We should not follow the path of California. They are destroying their economy and people are leaving their state. We do not want that for Delaware.
- EV's are extremely expensive. Most people will not be able to afford them.
- Buying used EVs won't help those who are poor because of the enormous cost to replace the batteries.
- Those in the city will be especially impacted by this regulation. Where would they charge their EV's?
- This regulation would be particularly inequitable for those with low incomes and city dwellers who do not have the space or money for a charging station.
- Our government in Delaware and the United States is based on our *elected* representatives like yourself making decisions for us - not an *unaccountable* government body like DNREC.
- Many business people in DE will be put out of work by this mandate - gas station owners, repair shops, car salespeople, etc...
- The batteries in EVs are extremely dangerous to deal with when they are used up. We don't have a safe way of disposing of them.
- What about car accidents that lead to damage to the batteries? Dangerous chemicals would be exposed and first responders would be in danger.
- The way in which the chemicals are obtained for these EV batteries are unethical. Children are forced into mining for them. There are few safety considerations used.
- The cost of electricity will increase throughout the state. This will disproportionately affect the poor.
- Delaware does not have the infrastructure to support the increase in demand for electricity.
- Towing such things as boats, RV's and trailers will become nearly impossible due to the frequency of needing to recharge the vehicle towing them due to the extra weight.
- What happens in an emergency when people near the beaches are asked to

evacuate due to a storm? Or when people are stuck in traffic or a snow storm and run out of charge? EVs that have run out of charge would need to be removed from the road to prevent further disaster.

It is likely that we will be able to move toward more vehicles powered by sustainable energy in the future. But we are not there yet. We must be patient and wait until the technology is improved before we try to switch to only EVs. This EV regulation would be disastrous for Delaware and her citizens.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider my concerns. I hope that you will make a decision that is best for all Delawareans.

Sincerely,

Deb Taylor

Sent from my iPhone