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Dear Sir,

I am writing to voice my opinion and opposition to DNRECs intention to limit and eventually ban the sale of new gas powered vehicles and force the use of electric vehicles upon the citizens of this state. Do either of you ever think for yourselves or just blindly go along with whatever your counterparts on the west coast are doing or your masters in Washington are demanding? And how convenient that this issue cannot be put to a referendum. The first state to ratify the US Constitution denies its citizens their say in such a fashion. How sad. 26 other states allow it. What are you afraid of? Loss of federal subsidies, loss of political power??? I know what you're thinking. The people had their say when they voted for you, Governor. Really? How many of those voters saw this coming? And by 2035 you'll both be long gone. But what do you care? You saved the world, right? Maybe once you're out of office you can go pound on the Chinese for their pollution standards. Oh that's right, they don't have any!

Here's a short list of who will be hurt here in the 1st state.

- Low income families and retirees who cannot afford these EVs let alone the replacement batteries when the original dies (\$3,000-\$20,000)
- Dealers who can't sell them because they are unaffordable
- Stranded motorists on the side of the road on I-95 Friday afternoon or on Rt 1 bound for the beach
- Angry drivers caught in epic traffic jams caused by dead batteries
- Everyone when the grid can't handle the demand and the lights go out (go ask your California friends about that)
- Tourists whose former 3 hour trip to the beach now takes 7 because of the wait in line at charging stations
- Business owners who don't get the tourist dollars (how many chargers are you going to install in Rehoboth and who pays for it?)
- Small farmers who use light trucks to buy feed, seed, fertilizer, etc.
- Small business owners who buy small vans and light trucks to deliver goods or services
- Homeowners who have to install chargers at their homes (what do condo and apartment dwellers do?)
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Here's a idea. Don't mandate. Let the market decide! Not a novel idea, just a smart one. If people want to buy these vehicles, fine but stay out of it! We don't need to be told how to run our lives. If Al Gore was right and the oceans are boiling, we're all dead by 2035 anyway, right? EVs in Delaware won't change a damn thing.

Respectfully,
A citizen of Delaware.