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Gentlemen

Your recent announcement about making EV vehicles mandatory starting in 2025 and continuing through 2035 has cause considerable discussion and debate as I am sure you are fully aware.

I will share my thoughts with you beginning with the fact that I am not against new technology in general or EVs specifically. I feel strongly that if someone wants to buy an EV and it fits with their lifestyle and budget and otherwise provides a price / value relationship that is acceptable to them, they should buy what they want. However, at this stage of the evolution of EVs, they have not reached a point of being an accepted, wide-based, consumer product, and if allowed to follow a normal cycle of utilization to achieve an acceptable price / value relationship, it will be many years before they are common-place widespread utilization in the market.

I am however, totally against MANDATING the use of EVs and doing so before they have achieve a track record of dependability, affordably, and all-around useability.

After listening to both sides of this ongoing debate ranging from the rational to the irrationally, I have concluded for myself that this decision on your part to MANDATE the use of EVs is nothing but a politically based decision that flies in the face of a free, democratic-based society. People should have the right to make decisions that fit their own needs and not be required to take actions that are not in the best interest of their needs and financial backgrounds simply to satisfy a political agenda. At this stage of my life I will honestly say that I will not be in the market for an EV in the near future and more than likely never will based primarily because of your MANDATE.

I doubt seriously that my thoughts, or the thoughts of others, will have any impact on your decision and I don't expect any modifications to your MANDATE. So, you have talked-the-talk just like Californian. Now it's time for you to walk-the-walk unlike Californian. If you really think that now is the time for EVs to be put into use on a broad scale in the state of Delaware I suggest that you commit immediately to replace very vehicle owned and operated by any form or branch of government (State, County, or Local) in the state of Delaware, with all of its agencies including law enforcement, department transportation, environment, heath, Etc. with EVs. To be sure you understand my suggestion, I am indicating total replacement, immediately, not a graduated conversion.

I look forward to the day when all levels of government return to a serious platform of working together for betterment of everyone. The best solutions to problems that effect everyone can only come when everyone is involved and working together.

Sincerely

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