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Dear Governor Carney,

I am writing to express my opposition to the efforts of the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environment Control (DNREC) to impose a ban on the sale of new gasoline and diesel cars, trucks, and SUVs by the year 2035. From what I have read, DNREC is, presumably, extolling the virtues of adopting California's Clean Car II regulations.

As background about me, I am a recent retiree who lived in Maryland all of my life. In the past year, I moved to Delaware from Maryland, primarily in order to take advantage of Delaware's lower cost-of-living and to escape the "woke policies" such as our own Delaware DNRECs is apparently in favor of adopting. While I am a registered Republican and I realize that you are Democrat, I am not opposed to voting Democrat if moderation and sensibility in a candidate prevail.

As further to my opposition to the ban, I believe that Delaware's potential move to a fully-electric vehicle platform will be an extra burden on retirees such as I, as well as on the working- and lower-class Delaware citizens. This effort will make our existing gasoline-powered vehicles obsolete and unsaleable, and will hasten unrecyclable vehicular waste in the landfill, which is not, of course, a good ecological outcome.

I'd like to think that state in each of these United States is sovereign and can make its own decisions and does not have to rely on a state on the west coast, which has a completely different makeup, for inspiration.

With that in mind, there is no reason to adopt California's extreme measures in Delaware, since we already achieve Federal clean-air standards. Furthermore, the move to electric vehicles will, undoubtedly, put a strain on an electrical grid that is already becoming overextended. This use will require that we build new electric plants which typically use fossil fuels because those sources of energy are, simply, the most energy- and cost-efficient. In my experience, no one is especially enamored of the idea of building new electric plants, whether

they be fossil-powered or nuclear. In addition, wind power has proven to be hazardous to birds and marine life.

In my mind, there are several other reasons that Delaware, and the USA, for that matter, should not adopt a hard stance on mandating electric vehicles, and I can enumerate those if you are interested in my further opinion. I would encourage you to reach out to me, if you would like to hear my further thoughts on this issue.

It is my hope that you will consider my opposing stance to our adopting extreme electric vehicle standards in my new home state of Delaware. I would like to know that I live in a state that is sovereign and not beholden to carrying out the policies of other states whose goals are clearly not in the best interests of Delawareans.

Delaware should be proud of the importance of its "First State" status. Delaware was the first state to express its own interests in joining the Union and I think we can and should make our own decisions as to our transportation needs and requirements rather than relying on some other state that is completely different than ours.

I am happy to be a new Delawarean. I hope that my decision to retire in "The First State" was a good one.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to hearing from you if you have questions.

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