

Fw: Electric Vehicle MANDATE

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Subject: Electric Vehicle MANDATE

I am writing to express my complete and total OPPOSITION to your proposed ZERO EMISSIONS STANDARD. (Electric cars by 2035)

There are a number of reasons for my opposition. Among these are:

1. Delaware NOW has clean air and it's air quality is continuing to improve. WE MEET FEDERAL CLEAN AIR STANDARDS AND WILL CONTINUE TO MEET THESE STANDARDS. This is despite the fact that parts of New Castle County are lumped in with the southern Philadelphia and are downwind of a very dirty Baltimore area and the Washington DC environs with it's ongoing traffic increasing to no apparent end. Air pollution in Delaware is a MARYLAND, DC, and Pennsylvania problem, NOT A DELAWARE ONE.

2. Delaware has less than 1% of ZERO EMISSIONS VEHICLES and forcing Delaware citizens to pay for the extremely high priced vehicles is unconscionable. Yes, there are a few limited low cost vehicles, but these uniformly have smaller battery packages, shorter ranges, less amenities and take longer to charge. This impacts those of us in Delaware who are in the lower economic tier of earnings the most. Where's the EQUITY there???

3. Once a vehicle is purchased, there is a MAJOR cost involved in buying a charging station that can recharge these cars for our home in reasonable time. If we live in a multifamily home with little or no on-site parking, where are we to put the chargers? What about the cost there? Does the landlord or leasing agent pay, or does the car owner. Obviously this has not even been thought about in your proposal.

4. How about those who have been encouraged to use Delaware seashore, beaches, and attractions. Our tourist trade is huge, yet they will be driving polluting vehicles which contribute to Delaware air quality issues without paying any of the associated costs.

5. At the present time the electric grid is just barely keeping pace with our increasing population, and this only by drawing more and more heavily on in state and out of state FOSSIL FUEL generating stations. What happens when working people come home from work, PLUG IN THEIR CARS, TURN ON THEIR ELECTRIC COOKING RANGES and TURN UP THE HEAT or TURN DOWN THE AIR CONDITIONERS that have been set at energy saving levels all day to conserve power. MORE CALIFORNIA BROWN-OUTS or will we just skip a step and go to rolling blackouts? Of course we could always go back to kerosene lamps and backyard barbecues. Yeah, that'll work well.

6. Have you ever tried to drive out of Delaware with the traffic jams in DC, Pennsylvania, and Baltimore? What kind of range do you think you will see from your wonderful electric vehicle sitting in the Beltway Backups, the I-95 slow downs, and the all too frequent crashes with your heater or air conditioner on? Don't forget the "Lights on For Safety". No problem though. Just ask the emergency service people to bring out a CAN OF ELECTRICITY when your car battery goes flat.

I could go on for pages addressing the stupidity of this idea as it effects small business men and women, repair shops, independent gas stations. emergency service workers, fire and police, and the hundreds of thousands of others who have to deal with this obvious WASHINGTON DC bad dream. The fact that you will be tying Delaware regulations to California demonstrated insanity and not giving our citizens any say in how they are governed borders on criminal. You CANNOT GET THIS KIND OF TRASH through the legislative process, so you have come up with a way to ignore the voice of the people. The process you have used so far in scheduling meetings, and keeping this under wraps as you have, tells all who look that you know its WRONG.

STOP KISSING BIDEN's ASS and bowing to the fools who pull his strings.

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