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Secretary Garvin,

I am vehemently opposed to the EV Mandate. Why are the federal and state governments always telling me what I have to do and how to live my life?

Why do you " Mandate " anything? This is thoughtless legislation and will have long lasting consequences on Delaware taxpayers.

If you are going to have a green policy, plan it well and promote it and even add incentives for folks, but stop mandating polices that will do more harm than good.

This excerpt below is from a recent newsletter from Senator Hocker pretty much sums up the reasons why this is bad policy:

"The negative economic impact this mandate will have is hard to fathom. Independently-owned vehicle repair shops will likely go out of business. Electric rates will rise. There will be less fuel taxes collected into the Transportation Trust Fund, thus jeopardizing future road improvements. The cost to purchase a new vehicle will dramatically rise as EVs are priced \$10,000 more than the automobile industry average. Once the 100,000 miles warranty for a battery expires, a replacement can cost upwards of \$16,000.

Additionally, the infrastructure is not currently in place to accommodate this regulation, nor will it likely be in place by 2035. Convenient stores such as Wawa and Royal Farms will have to completely revamp their layout. Residents in urban areas may not have access to charging stations unless cities install them at each parking location."

How about using a common sense approach to this issue with some serious, thoughtful ways to implement an EV strategy for the State of Delaware.

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