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Dear Gov. Carney and Mr. Garvin:

As native Delawareans, one retired and one who hopes to retire next year, we wish to express our adamant opposition to your proposed Zero-Emission Vehicle Standards Mandate! We have spoken with individuals who currently own electric vehicles. They do well driving locally, speaking of the quiet and quick speed of the cars. But, due to the amount of time it takes to recharge the battery, none of them are making long trips in these cars. Vacations and extended trips are being made in cars fueled by gasoline.

While electric vehicles and charging stations in Delaware and across the nation are increasing, this isn't any reason to impose a mandate on Delawareans restricting us, literally forcing us to purchase these expensive vehicles. Owning them requires installing charging stations at our home and increasing our electric bill. And don't forget the exorbitant cost of the replacement battery! All are huge problems for people on a fixed income and those with a low income.

It's auto manufacturers who need a mandate to design gasoline powered vehicles with drastically reduced emissions and better fuel mileage. High performance cars such as the Mustang, Corvette, Camaro, many pick-up trucks, etc. need to have the same horsepower as the average car. High performance engines don't need to be on road. This is where the focus should be of all governors and Congress, pushing the auto manufacturers.

You want to cut the emissions in Delaware? Then phase out **all** gasoline vehicles that Delaware owns and use **only** electric vehicles sooner. That's going to put a huge dent in the State budget though. We certainly hope that both of you currently own and operate only electric vehicles, practicing what you are preaching.

Again, Gov. Carney and Mr. Garvin, rescind your mandate immediately. We are not California and hope never to be like California.

Cordially,  
Fay S. and Thomas E. Rust