

**Fw: Delaware EV Mandate**

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**Subject:** Delaware EV Mandate

Dear Governor Carney, and Secretary Gavin,

I write to you, because I am opposed to the mandate regarding electric vehicles.

I cannot afford an expensive car, and the cost of electric vehicles is very high (not to mention the price tag of a replacement battery).

People who have small businesses and use a van to deliver their (i.e. flowers, cakes, etc.) cannot make deliveries on a single charge.

Families would be affected, especially if they own a camper, and want to go camping with their children in the Summer to the Poconos, for example. They will not be able to get there and back on a single charge.

Charging stations may not be readily available between their home and their campsite.

What about those who live in apartments or in the city who do not have access to a place to charge their vehicle?

What happens if there is a need to evacuate an area due to flooding or storms?

I, like many, love our environment too, but still not convinced that electric vehicles are better for the environment. After you consider the impact of mining and the serious environmental waste as the results from the batteries that cannot be recycled.

I request and urge you both, Mr. Governor Carney, and Mr. Secretary Garvin to withdraw this mandate.

With this, I am saying people have a right to freedom of choice to purchase a vehicle of their choice with their own money, and should not be forced to buy something that they do not agree with or believe in. This mandate will not save the environment.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Gisela Perez-Howell

