

Fw: Against EV Mandate!

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Governor Carney -

I recently attended the Town Hall meeting in Sussex County regarding the EV Mandate. It offends me that our government has the ability to tell car dealers, or any other business, what they can or cannot sell, especially in a mature, essential industry. A decision this important should come through the state legislature, not unelected state agency heads. Please consider the following when promoting this mandate:

1. This is similar to the Soviet era grocery stores of the 1980's. The state decides what products they can sell, and if you want anything else - too bad. That's why Socialism has never worked anywhere. Why should it work in Delaware? Our country has prospered due to free enterprise and Capitalism, not state controlled Socialism. When the public wants EV cars, they will buy them without being manipulated by the state.
2. In the dawn of the automotive industry, around 1905-1915, people decided that they wanted to switch from the horse and buggy to autos on their own, not because of a government mandate. The internal combustion engine won out over the electric engines that were also promoted at that time.
3. Why should Delaware be connected to the crazy policies of a state like California? If you haven't noticed, people and businesses are leaving CA in droves. Just ask any Uhaul dealer. How does your mandate help to attract business to Delaware? It looks to me like most major industry is heading south. One of the major reasons that the largest BMW plant in the world is in So. Carolina is due to energy costs. Germany tried to convert to less efficient methods of providing power to their residents and industry. The result was skyrocketing energy costs, with BMW, Mercedes, and VW all building plants in the southern US. Did they even consider Delaware?
4. How can a state that imports about 75% of it's electricity from out of state even consider a huge new source of demand like 50% adoption of electric vehicles? If you think solar fields and off-shore wind will pick up the slack, you had better read up on energy density. I suggest Robert Bryce's book, "Power Hungry". There's a reason that all of our major ships and subs in the Navy are powered by nuclear power, and most of the others by diesel fuel. How many electric powered jets are there in our air force? None.

5. China is building, or planning to build around 80 coal-fired electric generation plants, and numerous nuclear power plants as well. They know what it will take to continue to grow their industry and military, and they don't care about your concerns about pollution. You could take every car and truck off the streets in the USA, and it would'nt make a bit of difference, without changing the policies in China, India, and other nations. It will only end our country's role as the most powerful economic and military nation in the world.

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