

## California's Advanced Clean Car II standards

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Mr. Krail

I strongly disagree with the adoption of California's clean car standards which would ban sales of electric cars by 2035 and rapidly phase them out starting with the 2026 model year. First of all, Delaware is not California which we should all be thankful for. Secondly, 2026 is just not that far away. Lastly, electric cars are already heavily subsidized at the state and federal level and are still more expensive than gasoline cars. Electric cars are subsidized at the state level via the clean car rebate. In addition, electric cars pay no state or federal equivalent to a gas tax to maintain our highways. Federal and state legislators are contemplating taxes on carbon in the future. We are living in a climate activist world where we are putting subsidies on top of subsidies and then coupling them with mandates. Forcing additional higher costs on consumers and especially retirees is becoming intolerable in this environment of high inflation. It is difficult to pay the food and utility bills for many. Let the marketplace determine the adoption of electric cars. To be brutally honest, we really need a breakthrough in solid state battery technology before electric vehicles are widely embraced. To put things in perspective, with the recent breakthroughs in fusion technology, I would like to mandate the removal of all windmills and solar panels by 2050 and rely on nuclear fusion, the holy grail of energy sources.

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