

Supporting the Advanced Clean Cars 2 Program

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Climate change has become the greatest threat to humanity. Every year sets new temperature records. Extreme weather events are becoming commonplace. Our coastlines are being swept away and sea levels continue to rise flooding both cities and rural areas. It is no longer possible to deny this crisis.

The automobile industry is leading the transition to zero emission vehicles along with states which are adopting California standards. These standards allow more than a decade to adapt to vehicles which accelerate faster, handle better, and don't pollute the environment.

First generation electric vehicles are expensive to buy but much lower cost to operate giving them an overall cost advantage. We currently have the worst inflation in decades and supply chain problems have increased the cost of electric vehicles and batteries. As these problems ease and production increases, costs will fall as they have for flat screen televisions.

The infrastructure for both manufacturing and charging these vehicles is under construction. Federal legislation has committed massive resources. We will be manufacturing semiconductor chips in Arizona. By 2035, the economic advantages and range of electric vehicles should increase substantially.

This is all good news, and saving the planet is even better news. We are a small state, but we can join with the states who are leading on climate issues, and link our Delaware economy to the economy of the future.