

Public Comment: DNREC's proposal to adopting California's Advanced Clean Car II standards

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Hello,

I am Jonathan Offen, a registered and active voter, resident of Laurel, DE, paramedic, and business owner. I am absolutely against this proposal to adopt California's Advanced Clean Car II standards. The following 3 reasons are why:

(1) It is an insane example of government overreach. One of the things that makes our country great, and separates it from other oppressive communist nations like North Korea is the free market and people being able to buy what product they feel is best. I am not against electric cars, but I am firmly against an oppressive government overreach that forces us to buy them. Maybe if they were the best choice, people would be buying them for themselves instead of being forced to, by having all other options taken away. It is absolutely appalling.

(2) I have never been shown how this actually benefits the global environment, and I still have serious doubts it does. All we ever have shoved down our throats is the carbon footprint of the vehicles themselves (electric vs. fossil fuel). I never hear anything about the carbon or other toxic footprints used in the production of the batteries, generation of the electricity for charging, and disposal of batteries that have finished their shelf life. Give us all the facts, not just the ones cherry picked by corrupt lobbyists filling their pockets with the profits from selling electric vehicles. Saying they are better for the environment based solely on a reduced carbon footprint in the US and caring nothing for the toxic waste and environmental destruction from the mining in third world countries for the metals and materials is irresponsible. Furthermore, it expresses a heart of disguised racism by the disregard of the environmental impact in these other poorer countries.

(3) These regulations will do little to achieve your intended goal, and will only hurt auto dealer businesses in Delaware. Forcing them to sell only electric vehicles will guarantee that I never purchase a vehicle in Delaware again, and will do the same for countless other Delaware drivers.

I hope you will consider my strong opposition to these regulations and not pass these overreaching regulations.

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