

Electric Vehicle Mandate

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Good morning:

I am a Sussex County native, born and bred here. I also taught public school for 29 years and I have to say I thought I was fairly shock proof . . . until this electric vehicle mandate reared its ugly head. I just can't wrap my head around a mandate. We live in America, which -at least for now-is a democracy. I don't want to be told how I will spend my money and what I will buy.

First question: is the state of Delaware planning to buy all of us new electric vehicles? Many of us in this state are on fixed incomes. It's hard enough just buying groceries. I can't imagine forking out big bucks for an electric vehicle on top of all the other expenses we have these days.

Second question: What are we supposed to do with our current vehicles? Scrap them? Not happening.

Third question: How is the electric grid going to handle this influx of electric vehicles? This administration has been gung ho on closing power plants all across the nation. At times, there isn't enough electricity out there to power through extreme cold/hot spells. Now add millions of new electric vehicles to the mix and you have the recipe for disaster.

Fourth question: Are people aware how electricity is generated in this country? Most power plants in the United States generate it using coal, oil or natural gas – fossil fuels that this current administration is seeking to outlaw. The infrastructure is not in place to rely on solar or other generating sources as of now. See question number 3.

Fifth question: If we are so concerned with the environment, has anyone taken into account the disposal of lithium batteries, the how of it and the where of it? This is a definite concern.

Sixth question: How are we supposed to afford the electricity for these new vehicles? Delmarva Power is trying right now to up their rates. Electricity is expensive enough without adding the charging of vehicles to the bill.

I am strongly opposed to this mandate. I can't imagine the fallout from doing something so rash. We need to all take a deep breath and think this through, not just jump headlong onto the bandwagon because it's the currently popular thing. We need to bring back the lost art of common sense.

Thank you,
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