

Proposed Electric Vehicle Law

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To: Krall, Kyle (DNREC) <Kyle.Krall@delaware.gov>

Sir,

I am writing you to express my concerns with the push by Governor Carney to adopt the emission/electric vehicle (EV) law. I strongly oppose the adoption of this law for the citizens of Delaware. I also feel that this is a huge overreach by our state government as well.

I fully support electric vehicles and technology and see that there is a big future in their use. I utilize technology such as artificial intelligence on a regular basis as a Cyber Security Analyst for a Defense Contractor. So, I am not anti-technology or change resistant at all.

However, my over 30 years in the volunteer fire service keeps me very much abreast of what is happening with the fire service. Electric vehicle technology has a very long way to go before it is completely safe for everyday use. We very often see EVs which due to an accident or other incident go into a battery overrun condition which results in a significant fire which can only be put out with exceptionally large amounts of water. In fact there are departments around the world which have purchased specialty roll off dumpsters equipped with water vales where they can completely submerge EVs for the many hours it takes to put the fire out. This then results in a hazardous materials situation because now you have several thousand gallons of water with various hazardous chemicals in it that cannot just be dumped along the highway. In addition to this many tow companies are having to either not tow EVs or erect a specific area away from other vehicles to keep them in their yard. One such agency is Blittersdorf Towing in the Kennett Square area. He is fortunate that he has the space available to do such a thing.

The other glaring issue here is freedom of choice for the citizens of Delaware as well as the owners of car dealerships. Forcing them to abandon proven product lines for what is far from an unproven concept is tyrannical. This would force them in 12 years to not only completely switch what they sell but also to completely retool their service areas and eliminate many of the services they offer to their customers, which would in turn mean that the majority of the mechanics employed by the dealerships would now be unemployed with no prospect at all of new employment. This would once again force people to relocate outside of our state for work. This would also mean that anyone wishing to buy a gasoline or diesel-powered vehicle would simply go to Pennsylvania, Maryland, or New Jersey to do so. That would mean that even less money would be coming into the state as well. While protecting the environment is a serious issue, we must ensure that the actions taken to do so don't have serious consequences for the other things we do and doesn't produce undue and unnecessary hardship for our citizens as well.

Inclosing, I am asking that once you take office that you oppose these measures to implement this draconian practice on our state.

V/r

Chuck Mankin,

Fidete, sed verificate

My time in uniform may be over, but my watch never ends.