

## Low Emission Vehicle Amendment

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Dear Kyle

I understand that you are capturing comments from the public regarding the low emissions vehicle Amendment.

I am totally against this amendment. It places undue burden on delawareans who are already strapped with financial burdens caused by skyrocketing inflation, fuel costs, loss of income and wages caused by the lockdowns over the past two and a half years.

Delaware is a state whose economy runs on the backs of small businesses. The low vehicle emissions Amendment would further devastate and shut down many of our small businesses who cannot financially afford the purchase of electric vehicles on THE STATE'S timeline versus their need. Nor can they afford vehicles that cost on average \$14,000 above hybrid or regular vehicles.

There is also zero proof that emissions are out of control in the state of Delaware. For instance, New Castle County is included in the emissions statistics with the Philadelphia area and, therefore, skew the emissions data for our State.

Even with the mandate towards increased use of wind and solar power the state of Delaware would be incapable of producing sufficient electricity to power EV vehicles for every Delaware household.

And, finally, this is a blatant violation of our constitutional rights and total overreach of government interference in our rights to choose how to spend our hard-earned dollars.

There is no place in the state of Delaware for dictating major purchases for delawareans and is a slippery slope to dictating when, where and how we will live, what housing we should have, what stores we should buy our food and household goods from, etc etc. Delawareans have a right to live their lives, decide how to spend their time and money and choose what to eat and what vehicles to buy without government interference of any kind be it local, state or federal.

For all the reasons stated above, I strongly oppose the low vehicle emission amendment.

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