

## Statement for today's DNREC meeting

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My name is Jill Gaumer and I live in New Castle County and drive a 14-year old gas powered small SUV.

I urge the State of Delaware to adopt the California standard of Advanced Clean Car II standards.

Because I strongly believe that our country and more specifically, our state, must move away from a fossil fuel driven economy to a renewable energy economy, I want to replace my trusty, rusty old car with a new, clean and really important to me, quiet, electric vehicle.

You will hear all the urgent messages about pollution and health risks for all of us, and especially those living in neighborhoods near major highways. Pollution equals breathing issues such as asthma, which equals high health costs, both in dollars and in quality of life.

My thought in this discussion is a bit more self-serving. I want to purchase an affordable EV because over the long-haul, they are cheaper to maintain than a gas car. Gasoline prices fluctuate with the economy and all those out-of-my-control world affairs. Electric prices are relatively stable. Based on a national average gas cost of about \$4.31/gallon and electricity prices are at about \$0.14/kWh

Research shows that electric car owners could save between \$1,800 and \$2,600 in operating and maintenance costs every year - on average - compared to drivers of gas-powered vehicles.

In October, 2020 Consumer Reports, “shows that when total ownership cost is considered—including such factors as purchase price, fueling costs, and maintenance expenses—EVs come out ahead, especially in more affordable segments. The savings advantage can be compelling in the first few years and continues to improve the longer you own the EV. Our study shows that fuel savings alone can be \$4,700 or more over the first seven years.”

I want to purchase my new car in the state of Delaware. I would like to use a dealer who is close by and supports Delaware’s economy. The ACCII asks that more and more EVs and PHEVs be sold in Delaware. Thus more and more of the cars that I might want to buy will be available and the prices will become competitive. I recently contacted a dealership about a Chevy Bolt and was told that there is a \$2,000 “market adjustment fee.” This is the money tacked on to the MSRP because these “affordable” cars are rare, thus hard to get.

And, I would very much like to be eligible for a tax credit of up to \$7,500.

Again, I urge Delaware to implement the ACCII to benefit the health and the economic wellbeing of our State.