Electric vehicle mandate

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Mr, Secretary/Shawn, I just read about your public hearings to explain that the state will be ending our ability to purchase a gasoline powered car in twelve years. How many Delawareans are aware of this new mandate? I read about it last night for the first time. It would seem that implementing what may be the most significant disruption of the private economy in our lifetimes would require a more extensive effort to inform the public. My guess is that very few of our citizens are aware of this.

Let me state that I am not against electric vehicles but this action is going to be enormously disruptive to the lives of many, with jobs, prices, and access to products impacted long before the 2035 cut-off date. Your reference to "affordability" seems speculative at this point. As you know EV's have been heavily subsidized by the taxpayer, and the raw materials for batteries do not come from the most reliable sources or friendly nations. I don't believe anyone can predict what pricing will be like in five, ten, or twelve years.

Just learning about your hearings, I am not able to attend, but please put me down as one taxpayer opposed to this mandate. It is reasonable to subsidize clean energy and infrastructure such as charging stations, but this mandate goes too far. At a minimum there should be extensive hearings and debate with far greater warning to 98% of Delawareans with gasoline powered vehicles.

Best regards,
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