

## PUBLIC OPINION-LOW EMISSION VEHICLE AMENDMENTS

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

Dear Mr. Krall,

First and foremost, we want to express our appreciation for the opportunity to share our opinion regarding the subject of Low Emission Vehicles. With respect to the ultimate goal of obtaining cleaner air, it shouldn't occur by attempting to chip away at our rights as American citizens. Especially since Delaware already meets the standard by a significant margin w/ the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards! Why is this necessary to address? Is it due to Governor Carney joining the Climate Alliance in 2017 w/a promise to follow California's motor-vehicle carbon emission rule instead of a national one? I find it incredulous Delaware would adhere to California's rules. What are we...sheep? And as if that state would be an authority on the subject. For one, there have been brown outs in California because they went "green", and it's all because they didn't have a back up system. That's not the only thing they didn't have...they lacked FORESIGHT.

That's what we would ask to be applied here...FORESIGHT. For the ultimate goal to force DE residents to purchase an electric car, does anyone there understand the scope, the magnitude, the havoc this would bring to our state? If you're under the impression if this were to pass, Delawareans are going to rush out and purchase such a car, I think you're in for a rude awakening.

Electric cars aren't the "be all" the hype wants you to believe. Not only is the cost of one ridiculous, a battery replacement can run up to \$20,000. And you'd think the average Delawarean could afford this?!

Let's get real here...

There is no MASS TRANSIT in our state. And that's what's going to be needed 24/7 between the northern/southern parts of the state. Not everyone works Monday - Friday, 9am-5pm. So let's start building those subways and build that monorail! And make it that people can board them right from their doorsteps.

In the winter time, we salt our roads. When it rains, that water becomes salt water and in Florida, it's been known that electric cars exposed to salt water burst into flames.

The state will lose money on the gas tax and people's electric bills will rise to the point of no return.

And, most important of all, we don't have enough electric power to charge the cars! If it's thought that ultimately wind/solar power is going to compensate, hey, if the sun doesn't shine, there's no electric from the solar panels. If the wind doesn't blow, there's no electric from the wind mills. In order for that to happen, you'll need all these batteries to charge and it'd take 500 years to build it back up! And the bottom line is all your efforts will be for naught because you can't change the fact jet stream currents flow the direction from west to east. So you want cleaner air? Direct your efforts towards China and India so we won't be part of their polluted air's ripple effect.

Speaking of other countries, Japan declared it's not feasible to go "electric", because the electric grid couldn't handle regular electric power AND electric vehicles. Hybrid vehicles would be better than ALL electric.

When you think about it, our drinking water isn't perfect. Our CHOICES are to either still continue to drink it or buy water filters. For those who don't like our air, which already **meets EPA's standard by a significant margin**, I strongly suggest they wear a gas mask!

Bottom line: If Delawareans are forced to go electric, bear in mind the expense: Crime/Unemployment/Homelessness. Unfortunately, yes, we have those things now. Just get ready for more of it. In fact, maybe the time and energy spent on this issue could be better applied addressing those issues. That would BENEFIT Delaware residents.

In closing, please refer to the link below:

CNBC: Electric vehicles are less reliable because of newer technologies, Consumer Reports finds.  
<https://www.cnn.com/2022/11/15/consumer-reports-new-technologies-make-evs-less-reliable.html>

Thank you for your time and we PRAY our AMERICAN RIGHTS remain intact, COMMON SENSE is exercised and FORESIGHT is applied,  
Mary Ann and Andrew Sestak

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