

ACCII public meeting

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To: Kyle Krall, Delaware Division of Air Quality
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Hello,

I'm writing to follow up on my comments at a recent public meeting on Delaware's EV infrastructure and Clean Transportation Initiatives.

I would like to add my voice to those speaking out in favor of our state's adoption of the Advanced Clean Car II program. This program will allow Delaware to join with other states leading the way toward a cleaner, healthier future by reducing carbon and other greenhouse gas pollution. Delaware has made a good start in reducing air pollution, but we have work to do. I'm so grateful that our leaders are moving toward creating the infrastructure we need, building a network of rapid chargers throughout the state, and developing incentives that will encourage adoption of electric vehicles and start to clear the air for the millions who live near busy roads.

At the public meeting I attended, (Nov. 17), I heard people express concerns that a transition to EVs would be a burden because of the expense and other perceived hurdles to wide adoption of this still relatively new technology. I do sympathize, but I also know that refusal to move forward on EVs will not resolve those concerns. As more people buy EVs, prices will drop, improvements in battery technology will extend average driving range, and supply will even out.

Some people think strengthening environmental regulations is government overreach, a kind of socialism. But even they must realize that climate change is not something a single individual, even the most freedom-loving patriot, can solve on his own. Unless we think it's OK to leave our environmental mess for our worried children and grandchildren to clean up, we need to act now and act together as a community and a society. It's difficult, and some people think it's too late, but there are solutions and we can't wait around to implement them.

Malcom Gladwell in his book, *The Tipping Point*, acknowledges this. The world, "may seem like an immovable, implacable place. It is not," he writes. "With the slightest push - in just the right place - it can be tipped."

Let's make sure we tip it in the right direction by adopting the Advanced Clean Car II program in Delaware.

Thank you.

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