

Fw: Comments on 1140 Delaware Advance Clean Car Program

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Comments on banning new sales of gas and diesel cars and trucks 1140

-In your presentation, DNREC states that the California Air Resources Board was established to deal with a "special circumstance" in California. That special circumstance is the the position of the mountains to their east, which blocks the flow of pollution out of California and causes it to settle over top of their major cities. This is the exact opposite of the circumstance in Delaware, where we have flat terrain and an ocean immediately to our east. We don't need to do what California did.

-Contrary to your presentation, Delaware currently meets all EPA air quality standards. In any event, the economic damage to our state caused by your scheme will be huge compared to any possible health or environmental benefit, which will barely be measurable.

-For most people, this regulation could be the most profound impact that state government will ever have on them. Why is only the Executive branch taking this action without involving the elected members of the Delaware House and Senate? Stop this process immediately and get a bill passed in the General Assembly before proceeding, as mandated by our state constitution.

-Why are you creating these rules during election season and the Christmas season? A reasonable person can only assume you want the fewest people possible to learn about this process until it is too late to initiate a defense.

-Why are the California regulations "incorporated by reference?" It guarantees that most Delawareans will never actually see them.

-Why didn't you include battery replacement cost when calculating cost savings? For the Chevy Bolt, one of the cheapest electric cars, the replacement battery is currently \$17,000. Your claim of a savings of more than \$8600 over 10 years with home charging is fraudulent. With a necessary battery replacement, your projected gain becomes a loss of \$8400 if electricity prices are stable for 10 years. If prices go up, which is made more likely by the market distortions created by this regulation, the loss will be worse. Even if the battery is not replaced, trade-in value will be dramatically reduced, possibly to zero.

-Why are you mandating a technology that is inferior to that of a 1918 Ford Model T in regards to range. Although it only averaged 13 to 21 mpg, easy refueling means the Model T has far less "range anxiety" than any modern electric vehicle.

-While discussing charging facilities, you failed to mention that nearly all current gas stations will become obsolete due to lack of space to charge cars for 45 minutes at a time. In fact, there could be major dislocations to our towns as fueling stations are forced out of towns to provide adequate space.

-Why have you not explained in detail exactly how Delaware will have the electrical infrastructure to support the number of electric vehicles that will result from banning the sale of new gas & diesel vehicles in just 12 years. The public and the General Assembly need to know exactly how the electricity will be generated, charging stations established, and the impact all of this will have on electricity prices.

-Why have you not explained that current electric trucks have practical ranges of 100 miles or less when towing heavy trailers within their rated tow capacity, thus making them unsuitable to do or support actual work. What type of vehicle do you expect small and large businesses towing trailers, as well as consumers towing boats and campers, to use? Do you understand that a reliable one-way distance of travel of less than 50 miles is totally unacceptable, both to citizens and our state's economy? Are you proposing to shut down these segments of the economy?

-As usual, those people that you claim need "social justice" will be harmed the most. The American auto and light truck fleet currently averages 12 years old, the oldest in history. Since only electric vehicles will be available in just 12 years, there will not be enough older vehicles for lower and middle income people to acquire at affordable prices. This will destroy upward mobility for many. I understand DNREC is actually planning for this and acknowledging that many will not be able to afford a vehicle.

-The environmental destruction being wrought around the world so that elite Americans can mindlessly pursue environmental nirvana is shocking. China has plans to open over 200 coal fired power plants in the next 10 years. The damage to health and the environment being caused in Indonesia, as they mine the metal needed to produce batteries for us, is shameful. <https://www.breitbart.com/environment/2022/11/29/report-chinas-electric-vehicle-industry-destroying-the-environment-in-indonesia/>

-It is also apparent that changes to regulation 1126, the Motor Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program, could easily be used in conjunction with regulation 1140 to force older vehicles off the road faster. At the very least, those needing "social justice" will once again find themselves subjected to a financial slap in the face. Many lower income people will find their costs more than double to keep their cars on the road, even though Sussex County is in full EPA compliance.

-If I haven't made it clear, I find regulation 1140 to be shameful. I absolutely support the sale and use of electric vehicles for those desiring them, but having it forced down our throats by unelected bureaucrats 3,000 miles away is intolerable.

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