

To: Mark Margerum, Regarding DEP comments on phasing out gas powered cars and trucks.

Dear sir: I object to the further reduction of our freedom to make our own choices in life. Let the public make their own buying decisions. My further objections are:

- EVs have a low road clearance which is a winter hazard.
 - Takes too long to charge VS gas up and drive.
 - Cold weather reduces battery life.
 - EVs are more costly to buy.
 - Subsidies by state and federal governments are an expense to taxpayers and only ½ of folks pay income taxes.
 - Much of EV profits from parts and manufacturing benefit China.
 - Rural areas lack charging stations and charging stations should not be subsidized by government (taxpayers).
 - Currently EVs are available to environmentalists who want to own them but shouldn't push them onto the rest of us.
 - You should put more weight on comments from the general public rather than from insiders like Atty. Emily Green and the Sierra Club.
- Pollution reduction can be better achieved by reducing it in China, Russia, Africa and the like.

- These important decisions should have the full approval of the legislature, the Governor and especially the general public before going any further, if at all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Currier". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

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