

# Potential for Higher Gasoline and Car Prices to be Discussed Tomorrow

**JULY 10, 2019** -- [Listen to State Rep. Rich Collins tomorrow \(7/11\) as he joins WGMD radio host Jake Smith at 9 a.m. to discuss a development that could foreshadow higher fuel prices and more expensive cars and trucks.](#)

Earlier this week, Governor John Carney joined the governors of 22 other states on a [joint statement](#) calling for "one strong, national clean car standard." According to the statement, one of the standard's goals would be "continuous, meaningful annual reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and criteria pollutants."

Rep. Collins maintains the governor and state environmental officials plan to make gasoline more expensive to push consumers towards adopting electric vehicles. In fact, he says the state has already taken steps to accomplish this and [recently authored a column detailing Delaware's participation in the Transportation & Climate Initiative \(TCI\)](#) -- a coalition of nine Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states to design a new regional low-carbon transportation policy to cap-and-reduce carbon emissions from transportation fuels and invest proceeds in a low-carbon transportation infrastructure.

He says a [recent column from the Delaware Chapter of the Sierra Club](#) that applauds the TCI further validates his suspicions of the state's hidden transportation agenda. The opinion piece states: *"Using investments from a cap-and-invest plan to build modern infrastructure, like electric vehicle charging stations to incentivize EV sales, is precisely what we need."*

Rep. Collins notes that California is the only state to have enacted a cap-and-trade system on vehicle fuels and presently has the [highest average gasoline price in the nation](#), recently topping \$4.10 per gallon.