

# HOUSE BILL 2783

# TESTIMONY

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## **HB 2783**

Berexco and KIOGA support the bill because it prevents over – regulation and allows drivers freedom to choose the vehicle that best suits their needs.

## **EV Mandates vs Free Market**

I personally took the following picture at the Topeka Service area on January 6, 2024 at about noon on my way to a KU basketball game. Consumers are not choosing EV's at this time, so government should not attempt to mandate them instead of allowing free market choice.

# Consumers in Kansas do not prefer electric vehicles



# Kansas Fuel Choice Issues

1. I grew up in Belleville KS. Belleville is not going to have large numbers of EV charges, hydrogen fuel stations or any other niche fuel options.
2. It's cold in KS in the winter, and there is a reason consumers want the reliability of gasoline and diesel.
3. Berexco operates oil wells far from cities and towns and our diesel trucks need power and reliability to service wells in all weather.

# FINAL COMMENTS

1. KIOGA supports free market solutions, not government picking winners and losers.
2. Consumers and industry want reliability and power from their vehicles. Currently only gasoline and diesel deliver that. Mandates to the contrary will hurt the Kansas economy.
3. Why would the State of Kansas want to allow EV mandates that hurt the economy of Kansas?