

February 5, 2025

Hon. Shannon Francis, Chair
House Transportation Committee
Kansas State Capitol
300 SW 10th St.
Topeka, Kansas 66612

RE: HB 2121– Increase in Annual License Fees for Electric and Hybrid Vehicles
Auto Innovators Position: Support

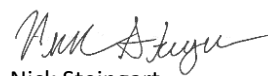
Dear Chairman Francis:

On behalf of the Alliance for Automotive Innovation (Auto Innovators), we appreciate the opportunity to testify today on House Bill 2121, legislation related to increasing the annual license fees of electric and hybrid passenger vehicles and trucks.

Automakers recognize that states across the country, including Kansas, are navigating the expansion of electric vehicles (EVs) across the industry and how their increased adoption could impact transportation funding now and into the future. While EVs are certainly not the only cause of decreased highway spending power – internal combustion engines that improved fuel economy year-over-year and highway construction cost that has outpaced inflation have also played a role – we recognize that EVs have forced states to rethink the way they assess road funding collections.

The Alliance supports a fair and equitable registration fee to support highway funding. The Alliance, based on EPA automotive trends report, would recommend reducing the hybrid registration fee to \$85 or less. EPA automotive trends indicate that the average mileage for a hybrid with a battery of larger than 48 volts is 36.4mpg. Hybrid vehicles continue to use a combustion engine that is gas powered, so the hybrid owner continues to pay gas tax.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter and hope to continue to be a resource and present the perspective of the automotive industry on these topics moving forward.



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