

HB 2121 - OPPOSED

Kansas Senate Transportation Committee

March 7, 2025

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

I am opposed to House Bill 2121. This bill is attempting to impose an undeserved and much higher fee on Electric Vehicles and Plug-In Hybrids when they go to register each year.

We already pay a reasonable \$100 more in registration fees to help cover the cost to maintain the highways on which we also drive. Given that EV drivers do not typically drive as far as gasoline drivers that was more than a fair amount.

That amount was put in place in 2019 and called a "Road Use Tax". Now that Tax is proposed to greatly increase to \$165 with no good reasoning behind it. It seems to be punitive only. As a household with two Electric Vehicles, this is an undue burden to put on only one group of drivers.

I am sure you know the gas tax hasn't been increased for more than 20 years. In order to cover the cost of highway repairs, the gasoline tax needs to be raised along with the \$100 already being paid by EV owners each year. This would help much more than any EV fees which affect a very small fraction of Kansas drivers.

EVs are a very small percentage of drivers and we are doing what we know is best by reducing emissions and the particulates found in regular fuel that enter our air and are breathed in by Kansans and by visitors to our state. EVs are being targeted unfairly and penalized for doing something good for our state.

Please do not allow HB2121 out of committee. It is unfair to EV drivers and doesn't solve the problem of road repair with such a small number of drivers. Please put the increase in tax where it belongs, on every gasoline engine vehicle and especially on larger trucks that do much more damage than any EV could do. The state is already taxing EV drivers a fair amount each year. Increasing this is unwarranted.

Thank you for your attention.

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