

MEMO TO: Senate Transportation Committee
FROM: Thomas M. Palace, Executive Director of the Petroleum Marketers and
Convenience Store Association of Kansas
DATE: March 12, 2019
RE: SB 189 Support

Mr. Chairman and members of the House Taxation Committee: My name is Tom Palace and I am the Executive Director of the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas (PMCA), a statewide trade association that represents over 230 independent petroleum marketers and convenience store retailers throughout Kansas.

PMCA supports SB 189.

Senate Bill 189 bring an effort to bring parity, to some extent, to all vehicles “paying their fair share” when it comes to paying for infrastructure.

The PMCA board of directors have been discussing what to do with EV’s and don’t really know how to come up with a “what to charge” when:

- A store owner puts in a charging station in a parking stall and offers the service for free for his customers. I understand the store owner is being charged for the power but how do you get that to the State Highway Fund? Could you charge a flat fee for service \$2 for 30 minutes and have the car owner swipe their credit card?
- Studies show 75-80% of people that own EV’s charge at home. Again, they pay for the power but no revenue towards the roads.

SB 189 is a step in the right direction and with only about 1500 EV’s on the road today, but now is the time to start serious conversation on how refueling EV’s pay a comparable rate to Kansas motor fuel excise tax of \$.24 cents per gallon.

Thank You