



To: Senate Transportation Committee
From: Travis Stryker, P.E.
Kansas Society of Professional Engineers
Date: March 12, 2019
Re: Support of SB 189

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer remarks regarding Senate Bill 189.

I am Travis Stryker, a Licensed Professional Engineer in Topeka and Chairman of the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers' Government Relations Committee.

I am here today representing KSPE, an organization that represents the Licensed Professional Engineers across the state. For over 100 years, KSPE has worked to promote public safety by delivering professional engineering services, encouraging licensure, and advocating legislation and public policy for the betterment of human welfare and the industry.

KSPE is excited to weigh in on legislation relating to the next comprehensive transportation plan. Senate Bill 192 would increase the annual registration fee for hybrid and electric vehicles.

Kansas drivers pay motor fuels tax that is used toward highway and bridge preservation and expansion. As Americans consider using alternative fuel and electric vehicles, KSPE believes there should be a mechanism in place to ensure these vehicles are able to support maintenance of Kansas infrastructure.

KSPE understands this is a limited portion of Kansas vehicles, but an important piece as we look ahead to the future.

We sincerely appreciate the opportunity to voice our thoughts on SB 189.

Respectfully,
Travis Stryker, P.E.