

Dear House Transportation Committee:

My name is Tony Schmidt and I am state coordinator for Citizens Climate Lobby. My passion is the very critical issue of human-induced global warming. I am normally focused on Federal Legislation. But this bill strikes me as sorely misguided.

I am writing in opposition to [HB 2004](#) - "the EV Energy Equity Road Repair Tax."). As I understand it, this bill would add fees to the public charging stations, on top of the higher registration fees that EV and hybrid vehicle owners already pay.

EVs are part of such a fledgling industry. It will be hard enough to get people to make the move to EVs without unnecessary additional roadblocks. I recently heard that the Kansas Legislature is hoping to pick up on the play book that landed our state the Panasonic battery plant near DeSoto. How will these kinds of anti EV actions look to other clean energy enterprises considering coming to Kansas. Clean energy needs assistance, not roadblocks.

I am told it is reasonable to expect higher registration fees OR fees at charging stations, but not both.

Many of us believe that if you want equity in Road Repairs, you should increase Fees on the real "Road Wreckers" (Semi-Trucks).

Consider how this legislation sends a bad signal to potential clean energy enterprises considering locating in Kansas. Unless bill sponsors want to equalize registration fees, put a pollution tax on gas guzzlers, increase fees on heavy trucks/semis, or consider increasing the gasoline tax, then I think this particular legislative proposal is unfair and perhaps premature.

Thank you for your Consideration.  
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