

Kansas Senate Transportation Committee,

I oppose raising the registration fee again on electric vehicles. I urge members of the Senate Transportation Committee to vote against HB 2121.

My electric vehicle (EV) will soon be 4 years old. The odometer, shows only 33,909 miles as of March 9, 2025, about 8,500 annually. We have driven to the east coast 4 times and Minnesota once. I estimate over 12,000 miles of the total miles were out of state. Had it been a combustion engine car 1/3 of those fuel purchases would not have delivered road taxes to Kansas.

I believe the assumption of typical miles driven used as a basis for HB 2121 incorrectly lead the legislature to entertain taxing EV owners more compared to gas car owners. Yet it does not fit the reality. As in my own case, and talking to other EV drivers, on average EV's are not driven as much. This has also been confirmed in a George Washington University School of Engineering study.

If the state needs more road tax, rather than inflicting it upon the tiny segment of emission-free vehicles, look to adjusting the road tax on the hundreds of thousands of traditional cars and trucks. The road tax has not been adjusted for 20 years and with inflation it's real value is a fraction of what it once was.

I urge the committee to vote no on this misguided bill.

Respectfully,
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