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Memorandum:

To: House Taxation Committee

From: Becky Schwartz, Associate Executive Director Fuel True

Re: Support HB 2317

Mr. Chairman and Members of the House Taxation Committee:

My name is Becky Schwartz. I am the Associate Executive Director of Fuel True formally known as the Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association of Kansas (PMCA of Kansas), a statewide trade association representing over 250 independent Kansas Energy distribution companies and convenience store retailers throughout Kansas.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony supporting HB 2317.

Fuel True supports HB 2317 because it provides an incentive for fueling stations to add electric charging stations to their business models. Our members are beginning to change their business models to incorporate alternative fueling options. However, it is expensive to add the infrastructure to their existing stores.

Currently, in Kansas you are not allowed to charge by kilowatt hour for electric charging stations. There is a bill we are supporting in the House which would allow facilities to charge by Kilowatt hour. HB 2145 is the first step for our members to be able to provide border to border coverage for electric cars. If that passes and HB 2317 passes it will encourage more convenience stores to add the infrastructure for electric cars.

We don't know how many members or stores would be willing to add electric charging stations to their site in the next couple of years. What we do know is companies are reimagining their business structures to adapt with the changing landscape of fueling cars. We have one member currently in the process of adding two stations to one site, and he plans on adding more in the future.

Thank you for allowing us to testify in support of HB 2317.

Becky Schwartz