OPPOSITION TO HR 2004

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Ty Masterson is my senator and Patrick Penn is my representative

I wish to testify in person Jan. 31, 2023 @1:30pm in Rm.582-N

HR 2004, as read, imposes unreasonable restrictions on the installation of EV charging stations. This bill clearly disfavors taxation of electric vehicle infrastructure over "preferred" gasoline & diesel powered vehicles taxation. When charging stations meet all applicable codes, standards, and land use statutes, regulations, and ordinances there needs to be equity in road use tax levies. Double taxation appears evident for Kansas' residents charging their electric vehicles. Moreover, the penalty clause for late, unpaid, or otherwise deliquent taxes on EV charging appears far harsh---with years of imprisonment and financial liability very possible under the 3600 KJ (1 Kwh) penalty. For instance, a one-time single charge for a truck transport could incur a tax penalty of tens-of-thousands-of dollars and maximum one year in prison.

Already, and at this time, major national fuel marketers are installing and offering electric vehicle charging services nationally as well as Kansas and Nebraska. I personally have utilized a major corporate charging station in Kansas.

Even free, renewable-energy supplied charging services are subject to penalty and imprisonment. Our church, which generates its own solar energy cannot, under provisions of HR 2004, charge their own members' vehicles without mindless & burdensome recordkeeping and tax payments.

Vote NO on HB 2004.