



February 11, 2020  
Kansas State Legislature  
House Committee on Taxation

Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member Gartner, and members of the Committee. Thank you for holding this hearing and for this opportunity to provide testimony.

I'm here today on their behalf to urge you to oppose HB 2499. This legislation contains expensive subsidies and corporate favoritism that will benefit households and companies who don't need these subsidies at **the expense of everyone else.** The Pacific Research Institute found that 79 percent of electric vehicle plug-in tax credits at the federal level are claimed by households with adjusted gross incomes of greater than \$100,000 per year.<sup>1</sup> Subsidizing the well-connected while leaving every day Kansas taxpayers on the hook, are not responsible public policy. We respectfully urge this committee to reject this idea.

Currently there are no market barriers to deployment of EV charging stations in Kansas. Any customer or company seeking to install an EV charging station can contact suppliers of these services to complete the installation, just as they would contact an HVAC contractor to install an air conditioning system. Therefore, asking taxpayers to be responsible for part of the costs cannot be justified.

Furthermore, we are confident that if customers value electric vehicles, market participants will provide the necessary infrastructure and supplementary services without doling out more unfair and unnecessary subsidies. Why should taxpayers be required to help pay for charging ports? The latest figures from the Department of Energy show that as of December of 2017, there were less than one thousand electric vehicles in the Sunflower State.<sup>2</sup>

We thank you for the opportunity to testify today, and we look forward to seeing an open, thriving, just and reasonable electric vehicle marketplace in Kansas, but not one that is foisted on all taxpayers to benefit a few.

Respectfully,

Elizabeth Patton  
Deputy State Director  
Americans for Prosperity-Kansas

---

<sup>1</sup> ["Costly Subsidies for the Rich: Quantifying the Subsidies Offered to Battery Electric Powered Cars"](#). Wayne Winegarden. February 2018. Pacific Research Institute

<sup>2</sup> ["U.S. electric vehicle population as of December 2017"](#). Department of Energy