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To the North Dakota Public Service Commission,

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion and concerns. I believe that electric vehicles should pay a "user tax" as other vehicles do to help pay for repairs and maintenance on the roadways that every one whom operates a vehicle uses. As more and electric vehicles use our roadways, less money is collected through the motor fuels tax.

Currently all vehicles that purchase fuel pay a per gallon fee. With electrical charging at various sites and providers along with stations at private residences, a surcharge on electricity for motor vehicles would be complicated and difficult to monitor. The easiest way would be a surcharge on the annual vehicle registration. A flat fee annually for 100% electric vehicles and a partial fee for hybrid vehicles. The tags on vehicles would verify compliance for the current registration period. Other states currently use similar methods for alternative fuels vehicles such as propane.

Without some type of "user tax" applied to electric vehicles, the current gas tax may be considered over taxation or an unfair tax. Road repair and maintenance shortfalls will become greater and disproportionately affect the citizens of North Dakota.

Thank you.

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