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Dear Minnesota Leaders,

I am an EV owner and Minnesota resident writing to **support SF3853** (fixed fee for EVs) and to **oppose the expansion of charging taxes in SF4169**. We do not put a lot of miles on our car and the current $150 surcharge has been quite out of proportion to our use of public roads. Even the $100 surcharge is a bit extreme, but making a portion of the surcharge weight-based and applying it to all vehicles is a move in the right direction. We do most of our charging at home, but it feels very wrong to impose an extra charging fee on those who are already paying a vehicle tax surcharge.

In fact, the most fair way to fund roads in Minnesota would be to drop the EV surcharge, the charging fees, *and* the gas tax, and move all Minnesotans to a system where we report our annual milage and pay a tax based on actual miles driven on our roads. This would be more fair to all and reverse the perverse incentives for our state to depend on higher resource consumption for funding.

But I know that is a long shot. Meanwhile, I hope you can at least not punish the very citizens trying to do our part to improve our environment, reduce pollution, and support the transportation industry's move to the future. **Please support SF3853 and remove the expansion of charging taxes in SF4169.**

Thank you,

Eric Celeste