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While I agree that we need new sources of transportation funding, the road usage tax for EVs is set at rates that mean EV owners like me will pay the equivalent amount of taxes as someone who has a gas-guzzling 20 mpg pickup.

Here's the math: for owners of an EV or a 20 mpg gas vehicle driven 10,000 miles a year, each would pay \$275 for gas or road usage tax under the new bill once increased gas taxes go into effect. An EV would pay double what a 40 mpg gas vehicle would pay.

I'm all for charging vehicle owners their fair share to maintain roads and a road usage tax with more equitable rates makes sense. But why are EVs, which we want more people driving, being penalized and charged as if they were oversized pickups that place more wear and tear on roads and are causing more traffic deaths?