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Barb – for you. Thanks!

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Support of more funds for EV charging stations.

My name is Dennis Pike, and I currently reside in Brookings. I have driven an EV since 2013. I am currently on my 2nd Chevy Volt, which is an extended range EV (it has a gas engine that takes over after the battery is depleted). It is a great car, but the industry (GM) has decided not to build them anymore, but rather go to a battery only platform. After driving an EV, I will never go back to gas power, and an all electric vehicle is in my future. However I want to get something other than a Tesla, which I don't trust.

I have been wanting to upgrade for a long time, but SD simply doesn't have the infrastrure to make owning an electric vehicle possible. When I read that there were going to be 7 DC fast charge stations built along the interstates, I decided to take the plunge and buy a new EV. After shopping around I decided to order a new Ford Mustang Mach E with extended range battery good for 300 miles. I will now be able to travel from Brookings to Rapid City and the Black Hills with confidence that I will be able to recharge along the way.

But, there are many locations that still need to be addressed, such as Aberdeen and Pierre for example. Aberdeen has two usable public charges, both of which are level 2 charges, which takes all night to partially recharge a big battery pack. To the best of my knowledge Pierre has 1 level 2 charger at a car dealership. Places like Spearfish, Custer Yankton, North Sioux City would also be good candidates for DC Fast Chargers.

The future of automotive travel of electric, and it makes sense that investing the Volkswagen funds in the future of automobile travel. I support increasing the level of finding from 5% to 15%, or even more.

Dennis Pike. An EV owner since 2013

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