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VW Mitigation Plan Revision Comment

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Comments :

Our family recently purchased an EV with a range of around 140 miles. We've taken it on a single road trip, from Sioux Falls to Huron on a windy South Dakota day with a stop in Brookings to charge up. Unfortunately, the only available charging station in Brookings is too slow to make our EV a reasonable option for trips of this length. Even after nearly an hour and a great meal at Cubby's, we needed another two hours to reach a reasonable charge for the windy drive home at interstate speed. The long wait was frustrating, but even the slower level two charging station in Brookings is a welcome outlier. It makes visiting my parents in the electric vehicle possible. Most SD cities have zero charging stations. The speed of the charge is the difference between possible and practical. We bought the vehicle mainly to save money on gas and repairs, but we also bought it to embrace a different approach to travel, one that will force us to slow down and enjoy communities we would otherwise breeze through. Rapid charging stations would expand not only our travel footprint, but our ability to spend an hour of our time - and some of our money - in the small communities across our state. That's our hope. It's also the hope of EV owners across the U.S. Without rapid charging stations, those potential visitors won't feel comfortable driving through, spending money and taking in the beauty of South Dakota's wide open spaces. I urge you to support the expansion of the rapid charging infrastructure by boosting the VW settlement investment from 5 to 15 percent. It's a modest start that will mean a lot to early EV adopters like myself, and mean even more as EV sales continue to grow in the coming years.