ELECTRIC VEHICLE ROAD USE FEE

Background

• Pennsylvania’s system of roads and bridges, which is larger than New York’s, New Jersey’s and New England’s combined, is primarily funded by user fees, such as fuel taxes.
• Although plug-in electric vehicles cause the same wear and tear on our roads as gas-powered vehicles, they contribute substantially less in fuel taxes toward our transportation infrastructure due to Pennsylvania’s confusing and difficult to administer alternative fuel tax on electricity.

CAWP Message

• Ensuring All Vehicles Pay for the Roads They Use – To simplify the process and ensure plug-in electric vehicle owners are paying their fair share, House Bill 1392 will eliminate the alternative fuel tax on electricity and replace it with annual electric vehicle fees of $150 for noncommercial electric vehicles, and $250 for commercial electric vehicles.
• Electric Vehicle Fee is a Fair Alternative – When considering that the average gas-powered car owner in Pennsylvania pays about $276 per year in state fuel taxes, the fees under House Bill 1392 are more than fair and are comparable to the electric vehicle fees enacted in 21 other states.