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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20500

*Re: Suspension of the Gas Tax to Help Kentucky and American Families*

Dear President Trump,

I write to encourage you to resolve the conflict with Iran and open the Strait of Hormuz as quickly as possible. While working toward that resolution, I support your efforts to temporarily suspend the federal gasoline tax to provide financial relief to American families.

As Governor, I filed an emergency regulation to temporarily freeze the Kentucky state gas tax and prevent an increase per gallon that would have taken effect on July 1. I also signed an executive order declaring a state of emergency to reduce the state gas tax by 10 cents.

Right now, the cost of living is too high for our families. Steps like this provide temporary relief to families who are feeling the pain at the pump, grocery store, and more. The Governors of Indiana, Georgia, and Utah have taken similar steps to suspend the gas tax and bring much-needed relief to families in their states.

Unfortunately, members of your Republican Party in Kentucky's General Assembly have opposed my efforts to help save Kentuckians money at the pump. Some have even called it "political pandering." Given your similar efforts, I believe they are accusing you of the same. I would welcome any outreach you could make to Kentucky state legislators to encourage them to embrace a policy that you and I support.

We appreciate any efforts to encourage Kentucky legislators to provide this relief to our families.

Sincerely,

  
Andy Beshear  
Governor