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The Hon. Charles Schumer  
United States Senate  
322 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Hon. Kirsten Gillibrand  
United States Senate  
478 Russell  
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Paul Tonko  
United States House of Representatives  
2369 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and Congressman Tonko:

With the price of gasoline on the rise, the New York State Legislature recently adopted a measure I introduced earlier this year to suspend the state gasoline tax beginning on June 1st, saving New Yorkers 16 cents per gallon. Shortly after, the Schenectady County Legislature followed suit, suspending their county gas taxes, saving residents another 8 cents per gallon. With the price of gas continuing to rise, I ask that you do all that you can to also suspend the federal gas tax.

Americans are now facing the highest gas costs in eight years and many other states across the country have now already or are working to rolling back their own gas taxes. However, the federal gas tax is something they cannot control, but it can have a significant cumulative impact when you consider these other measures now in place. At 18.4 cents a gallon, suspending this additional tax could offer meaningful relief to residents here in New York and across the country. It could save a typical driver another \$3 dollars each time they fill-up. It may seem like a small amount, but it adds up over time.

After the challenges of the past two years, families deserve all the relief we can provide. While we have done our part here in New York, suspending the federal gas tax can have a greater impact and help working class families save more of their hard-earned money during this crisis. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Angelo Santabarbara  
Member of the New York State Assembly  
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