

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 23, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor  
State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

We are extremely concerned with two upcoming gas price increases that will impact all Californians. In September 2023, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) reported that gas prices are expected to rise by 47 cents per gallon next year due to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard reforms. This increase does not include the existing gas tax, which is expected to increase gas prices by nearly 60 cents on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Together, this more than one dollar increase will come at a time when the people of California are already grappling with the high cost of living in our state.

For the past two years, we have urged you to suspend the gas tax, given the ongoing challenges faced by Californians that are forced to choose between filling their gas tanks and putting food on the table. Our concerns have continued to be ignored while Californians suffer the consequences. According to AAA's state gas price averages, California leads the nation in gas prices at \$5.26 per gallon for regular gas, which is already 45 cents higher than the next closest state. Adding another dollar to these already exorbitant prices will be disastrous for California residents.

With the cost of goods continuing to rise across the board, we must act now to pursue all avenues of relief for California families. We urge you to immediately suspend increases to California's excise tax on gasoline and to work with CARB to ensure that Californians do not suffer unnecessarily.

Sincerely,



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David G. Valadao  
Member of Congress



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Ken Calvert  
Member of Congress



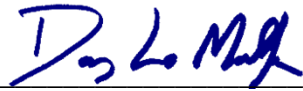
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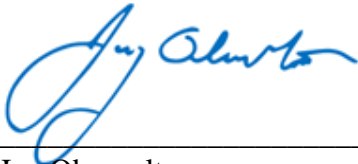
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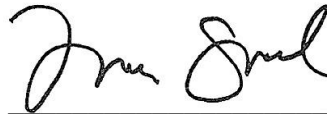
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