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The Honorable Richard Blumenthal
United States Senator
90 State House Square 10th Floor
Hartford, CT, 06103

Dear Senator Blumenthal:

You have previously stated that, like President Biden, you oppose a heightened gas tax. In a letter to me dated July 20, 2021, you stated again that you oppose an increase in the federal portion of the gas tax.

If you truly oppose a gas tax increase, I ask that you also stand in opposition to a new state gas tax being pushed by Connecticut Democrats.

The TCI-P gas tax proposal is being pushed by Democrat state lawmakers for a vote to take place in a special legislative session in September. Governor Lamont has admitted that this is a tax. The Democrat Senate President Pro Tempore has also admitted that this is a regressive tax that hurts working and middle class families most of all.

Americans are concerned about the impact of inflation on their kitchen table economics, and a vast majority are already being hurt by rising prices on gas and food. A new gas tax only worsens that situation.

This is a \$100 million regressive tax increase that forces residents to sacrifice much for little gain. It does nothing to address emissions in states to our west from which pollution blows into Connecticut. It will result in little improvement in greenhouse gas pollution, which is why early supporters like the Sierra Club have since withdrawn their support.

I ask that you stand with opponents of this new tax and tell Governor Lamont and Connecticut Democratic lawmakers that Connecticut residents cannot afford another tax.

Please sign and share our petition at StopTheGasTaxCT.com to add your voices to the list of thousands who have already spoken out against the tax increase.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin C. Kelly".

Kevin C. Kelly
Senate Republican Leader