

By Senator Fasano

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to summarily reject any legislative proposal that would increase the federal excise tax on gasoline.

WHEREAS, several proposals have been put forth by members of Congress to raise the federal excise tax on gasoline, and

WHEREAS, historically high gasoline prices have greatly increased the costs of driving and increasing federal gasoline taxes will hurt residential and business consumers even more, and

WHEREAS, among residential consumers, lower-income consumers whose fuel costs consume a proportionally larger share of their budgets and consumers who reside in rural or suburban areas and must drive long distances for their livelihoods will be hurt the most, and

WHEREAS, among business consumers, the nation's airlines, merchant marine industry, and trucking industry will be disadvantaged since fuel costs are a proportionately larger share of these industry's costs, and

WHEREAS, increasing the federal excise taxes on gasoline increases the cost burden in the transportation sector, increasing costs associated with virtually all products requiring transportation to market, and

WHEREAS, increased federal gasoline taxes would lead to reductions in the disposable income of consumers who must pay more for their own fuel and transported products, and

WHEREAS, reductions in consumers' disposable income adversely affect economic growth in general and this state's tourist-based economy in particular, NOW, THEREFORE,

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31 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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33 That the Congress of the United States is requested to
34 summarily reject any legislative proposal that would raise the
35 federal excise tax on gasoline.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
37 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
38 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
39 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the
40 Florida delegation to the United States Congress.