U.S. Chamber of Commerce



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To The Members of the United States Congress:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce strongly urges you to oppose S. 3609 and H.R. 6787, which would suspend the federal tax on gasoline fuel and undermine the recently enacted Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. Members of Congress who refrain from cosponsoring this legislation will receive credit for the Leadership component of their "How They Voted" rating.

Federal investments in highway and public transportation infrastructure are funded primarily through taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel. The level of federal investment in these systems was significantly increased in the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, representing a generational opportunity to fix and modernize America's transportation infrastructure. Suspending the gasoline tax would undermine these investments and will jeopardize the benefits that American families, communities, and the economy stand to gain from the law.

In addition, suspending the main source of revenue for the Highway Trust Fund would threaten the long-term viability of the "user pays" model in which those who use transportation systems pay for them. The Chamber supports the "user pays" system as the most responsible and stable method for financing surface transportation investments.

The Chamber strongly opposes the Gas Prices Relief Act of 2022.

Sincerely,

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