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Dear Esteemed Colleagues,

We, the undersigned, are deeply concerned about the soaring price of gas and how it is impacting our constituents across California. We are committed to providing prompt relief.

We propose using a portion of our budget surplus to send a rebate of \$400 to every California taxpayer to help cover the increased cost of gasoline and the general increase in the cost of goods and services. We ask for this proposal to be included in the State Budget and considered as soon as possible.

This proposed \$400 rebate would cover the current 51 cent-per-gallon gas tax for one full year of weekly fill ups for a car with a 15 gallon gas tank. Notably, we believe a rebate is a better approach than suspending the gas tax—which would severely impact funding for important transportation projects and offers no guarantee that oil companies would pass on the savings to consumers.

It is also important to note that we propose every taxpayer receive this rebate—including those who don't own or drive a car. They too have seen their living expenses increase due at least in part to the increased cost of gasoline. California has been the global leader in combatting climate change and in order to remain consistent in our values, we should not deter people from utilizing public transportation and clean energy vehicles. Broadly offering this rebate ensures that we lift up all Californians during this difficult time.

Many Californians are feeling severe financial pain at the pump and are looking to California's leaders for help. It is vital that we respond swiftly and decisively.

Thank you for your respectful consideration of our proposal. We look forward to our continued partnership to build a strong, resilient, and prosperous California.

Sincerely,



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