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Dear Members of Congress:

The Transportation Construction Coalition (TCC), comprised of 34 trade organizations and labor unions, expresses strong opposition to proposals under discussion to suspend the federal gas tax. Such plans would have limited, if any, impact on consumer prices, and risk driving up costs on projects designed to improve every community across the country.

The federal gas tax is the foundation of the Highway Trust Fund (HTF), which supports the nation's transportation improvements. Using it as a political tool is a disservice to those who depend on reliable, well-maintained road, bridge and transit systems. The precedent that a gas tax suspension would set, that funding for roads and bridges can be given or taken away as government actions warrant, would be detrimental to these foundational programs that built America.

A Transportation Investment Advocacy Center [analysis](#), conducted in 2022 when several states proposed pausing their gas taxes, showed gas tax holidays do not translate into lower prices at the pump. Instead, prices rebound to where they were within days because there is no requirement for these savings to be passed down at the pump.

A gas tax holiday also ignores one of the most direct transportation affordability challenges facing drivers: the cost of poor road conditions. According to [TRIP](#), 40 percent of major roads in the United States are in poor or mediocre condition, costing drivers an average of \$723 per year in additional vehicle repairs, increased fuel consumption, tire wear and accelerated depreciation. Undermining the HTF would only make it harder to address these hidden costs.

Instead, the TCC encourages Congress to focus on proven legislation that will address affordability: timely passage of a surface transportation reauthorization bill. Current highway and transit programs are set to expire on Sept. 30, and without action by Congress, state departments of transportation will face uncertainty, leading to delays that translate to higher project costs.

Gas prices are a real concern for Americans, and the TCC stands ready to assist in passage of legislation that will improve the cost of travel: a robust surface transportation reauthorization bill. Congressional action by Sept. 30 will reduce bottlenecks, ease congestion, improve safety, and help lower the real costs drivers face from deteriorating roads.

Sincerely,

The Transportation Construction Coalition