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Ms. Walker,

Please pass the following on by posting it to the COTCE website under "correspondence."

I am strongly in support of a Gas Tax for California, under the following conditions: The tax must be used to decrease, not increase carbon emissions, and it must not be a hard hit to lower-income folks.

This means that it must not be used to increase road or other automobile capacity, but only for maintenance, and that it must be available for projects approved pursuant to SB 375.

In order for it not to be a strongly regressive tax, a portion of the money collected could be returned as a set dividend to all citizens. (This is similar to the dividend Alaskans receive as a portion of oil tax revenues.) For more information, see Peter Barnes' book *Climate Solutions*.

Thank you.

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