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To: comment, cotce
Subject: A proposed gas tax

Dear Commissioners,

I have reviewed the proposal to raise the tax on gas submitted by Fred Keeley and find it to be timely, responsible and long overdue. It fits perfectly as a solution to a myriad of problems facing California right now and works both as a short term solution for state budget woes and as a long term, exemplary action with regard to the leading cause of global warming- cars and trucks. From reading the mandate of the Commission on your website, it seems to closely meet your objectives.

From an economic standpoint, the proposed tax would would raise revenue for the state while encouraging more efficient uses of global fossil fuel sources that are sure to become both more scarce and more volatile in the coming decades. The incremental restructuring of decisions around transportation would only serve to buffer California against supply problems in the Middle East and other problems with oil scarcity. A more localized economy would also have the effect of increasing taxes and raising employment opportunities for small businesses, which would more than mitigate the negative economic effects on certain status quo economic interests. The positive impacts on the state's road system would create a stable support for state and local transport, commerce, tourism and other economic drivers.

From an environmental standpoint, the proposed tax would address the leading cause of global warming gasses without any cost or staff initiative on the part of the government of California. No new regulatory bodies or scientific panels are needed while the effect on the state's contribution to global warming would be profound or long lasting.

Please give this proposal for fullest endorsement and immediately bring it to the state legislature for a yes or no vote.

Sincerely,
Micah Posner