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To Whom It Concerns:

The conduct of the Tax Commission with regard to accepting public comment at the September 10th, 2009 hearing was unacceptable. Any mention of this meeting being open to public comment is incorrect and the minutes of the meeting must reflect this fact. The record should reflect public comment from those who pay the tax was denied, advocates for the tax were treated as experts and allowed to give lengthy and unrelated presentations.

Multitudes of businesses impacted negatively by an increase in fuel excise taxes were expecting to testify according to the stated agenda. The public comment was moved later into the afternoon and then was again put off so that hand selected advocates of the tax could give elementary Powerpoints.

Sincerely,

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