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The Honorable Mike Chenault
Speaker of the House
Alaska State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 208
Juneau, AK 99801-1182

Dear Speaker Chenault,

Under the authority of Article III, Section 18, of the Alaska Constitution, I am transmitting a bill suspending the State motor fuel tax. In an effort to provide immediate, individual tax relief, I am proposing that the State motor fuel tax be suspended for a period of 24 months.

The actual amount of money saved by Alaskans will vary depending on the type of fuel being purchased; however, most consumers should save eight cents per gallon when fueling their vehicle, boat, or plane. Since many Alaskan communities face the highest energy costs in the nation, this relief is urgently needed. While suspending the motor fuel tax would provide a temporary reduction in the cost of motor fuel, action is necessary for long term solutions to high energy costs.

I urge your prompt and favorable action on the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean Parnell", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Sean Parnell
Governor

Enclosure