
From: Dianne Blumer <~~dianne.blumer@gmail.com~~>
Sent: Wednesday, May 05, 2021 2:16 PM
To: Rep. Neal Foster; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Daniel Ortiz; Rep. Adam Wool; Rep. Bryce Edgmon; Rep. Andy Josephson; Rep. Sara Rasmussen; Rep. Steve Thompson; Rep. Bart LeBon; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. DeLena Johnson
Subject: Fwd: HB 104 Support FW: Gasoline/fuel tax

For the record.

Please let me know if there are questions.

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From: John Eng <CJEng@High-pointconst.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 4:51 PM
To: Sen. Roger Holland <Senator.Roger.Holland@akleg.gov>
Subject: Gasoline/fuel tax

As a household of your constituents, we would like to provide you with our thoughts regarding the transportation bill that you will be addressing. The transportation needs of Alaska need to be addressed in a manner that can best be served by additional funding. I do prefer a consumption tax in lieu of income tax, and encourage you to listen to, and consider the merits of increasing the State of Alaska fuel tax. The present level of tax per gallon is close to being the lowest in the United States. If the tax per gallon could be increased to the average price per gallon when considering the similar tax to all 50 state, or at least the states that have a similar population to Alaska, we could accomplish so much good. I am interested in your thoughts on this matter, and look forward to a reply from you or a member of your staff.

Thank you for your valuable time, and thoughtful insight.

John Eng

From: Mike Coons [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:59 AM
To: Rep. Cathy Tilton; Rep. Louise Stutes; Rep. Chris Tuck; House Finance
Cc: Rep. Christopher Kurka; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. DeLena Johnson; Rep. George Rauscher; Rep. Kelly Merrick; Rep. Ken McCarty; Rep. Kevin McCabe; Sen. David Wilson; Sen. Mike Shower; Sen. Shelley Hughes
Subject: AMAC letter opposing gas taxes HB 104
Attachments: 3.31.21 AMAC Opposition Letter to Alaska HB 104 increasing motor fuel taxes.pdf

To Speaker Stutes, Rep Tuck and Rep Tilton.

See attachment from the President of AMAC Action on opposition on HB 104.

As an additional aspect, AMAC Action, the national organization, including the over 8,000 and growing Alaskan AMAC Action members has taken a strong interest in what the Alaska Legislature is doing to and for Alaskan seniors. As the President of the Matsu Chapter of AMAC, I am sending those bills that impact our seniors to AMAC Action for their support or opposition letters. Thus fully expect more letters like this on several different bills in the near and extended future.

I will be testifying as usual for and against upcoming bills, however, since AMAC Action President Bob Carlstrom is the spokesperson for AMAC Action, I will be doing so as a private citizen.

Mike Coons
President, Matsu Chapter AMAC Action



March 26, 2021

The Honorable Louise Stutes, Speaker
The Honorable Chris Tuck, Majority Leader
The Honorable Cathy Tilton, Minority Leader
Alaska House of Representatives

Dear Speaker Stutes, Leader Tuck, and Leader Tilton,

On behalf of the over 8,000 Alaskans in our 2.34 million members of AMAC – Association of Mature American Citizens – we strongly oppose the motor fuel tax provisions of HB 104, titled "An Act relating to vehicle registration and registration fees; relating to the motor fuel tax; and providing for an effective date."

Sections 5, 6, 7, and 8 are the fossil fuel tax increases. These taxes are significant and punitive to Alaskans and will really impact those on fixed and limited incomes, including seniors. Imposing more taxes in a time when the Nation, and indeed Alaska, are struggling to recover from the economic adversity and lost incomes and jobs caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is wrong. Such taxes will only serve to depress the economy and hurt your citizens, particularly those in low to middle income ranges. As a further note, these energy taxes will increase the state and local government costs and therefore add to the taxpayers' burden, as well.

Accordingly, we oppose enactment of these fossil fuel taxes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Carlstrom". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Bob Carlstrom
President, AMAC Action