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From: Amy Abdallah <user@votervoice.net>
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Dear Commissioner Gerard,

I am on a fixed income supplemented by a low paying job in the school system. I can not afford higher taxes in addition to the out of control inflation. I would like to ask you to tighten your budget just as we must do.

I can't afford new tax hikes at a time like this. As Pinellas County businesses and families struggle with the COVID-19 recession and now hyper inflation and all time high gas prices. I urge Pinellas County policymakers to oppose the a new gas tax in Pinellas County.

The gas tax threatens to destroy hundreds of businesses and thousands of jobs and force Pinellas County residents and visitors to pay as much as \$0.12 more for every gallon of gas they buy. Research shows this tax could cost the average family in the region an additional \$254 every year - the equivalent of a month's worth of groceries for a low-income family!

I urge the Pinellas County Commission to stop new tax increases that threaten our economy and jobs. Stop the gas tax increase!

Sincerely,

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