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Opposition to local option fuel tax
From Commissioner Gerard's office.

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From: Susan Barrett <user@votervoice.net>
Sent: Friday, July 16, 2021 3:46 PM
To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Vote No - New Gas Tax

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Dear Commissioner Gerard,

Coming off a year of people out of work and struggling don't feel it is fair to raise the tax.

My business, family, and community 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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