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SENATE REPUBLICAN OFFICES

March 18, 2026

Ned Lamont, Governor
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Lamont,

The Senate Republican Caucus is writing with regard to your March 10th public statements about suspending the state's gas tax.

In those statements, you said the legislature should take immediate action. You said this would require fast-track legislation that bypasses the usual legislative processes to put a bill before the state House and Senate. As you noted, "The need is right now and this is a good time to sit down with the legislature... to get this done."

With this in mind, we respectfully urge your office to schedule that meeting at the earliest opportunity so that a consensus proposal can be developed in a timely manner.

As you know, Senate Republicans have offered significant proposals to lower the cost of living and to permanently address the state's affordability crisis. Our proposals offer real, *permanent* relief, up to \$1600 per family. We want to effectively eliminate the car tax for working families and get the public benefits taxes taken off of too-damn-high electric bills.

So, if gas tax relief is on the table, then let's talk about permanent gas tax relief as soon as possible. We stand ready and willing to work with you and our Democrat colleagues in the legislature to get motorists the relief they deserve.

We look forward to our bipartisan meeting.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Stephen Harding.

Stephen Harding

Handwritten signature of Henri Martin.

Henri Martin

Handwritten signature of Rob Sampson.

Rob Sampson

Handwritten signature of Paul Cicarella.

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