

Urging The New York State Legislature To Resolve Existing Bills In Committee And Immediately Enact An Emergency Cap On The State Gasoline Sales Tax

Legislators Aiello, Alfonso, Busick, Cummings, Every, Fabiano, Felicello, Gerentine, Harris, McAfee, Noonan and Roberti offer the following:

WHEREAS, the price the consumers of Ulster County and across the State of New York pay for gasoline has escalated rapidly, and

WHEREAS, the high price of gasoline has created a financial hardship for these consumers, and

WHEREAS, a decrease in the price being paid for gasoline at the pump is necessary to the economic well being of these consumers, and

WHEREAS, the State of New York can have an immediate and direct impact in the cost of gasoline to consumers by capping the sales tax, and

WHEREAS, several bills have been introduced to the State Assembly and Senate seeking to cap the State Gasoline Sales Tax, and

WHEREAS, all such bills continue to languish in committee, and

WHEREAS, the people of Ulster County and across the State of New York continue to pay excessively high prices and sales taxes for gasoline while these bills remain in committee.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby urges the New York State Legislature to resolve all existing bills in committee seeking to cap the State Gasoline Sales Tax and immediately enact an Emergency Cap on the State Gasoline Sales Tax, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature shall forward copies of this resolution to Governor George E. Pataki, Comptroller Alan Hevesi, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senate Minority Leader David A. Paterson, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Assembly Majority Leader Paul A. Tokasz, Assembly Minority Leader James N. Tedisco, New York State Senators John J. Bonacic and William J. Larkin, Jr., New York State Assemblymen Kevin Cahill, Clifford Crouch, Daniel Hooker and Thomas Kirwan, and the New York State Association of Counties,

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and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE