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California's gas taxes are the highest in the nation and the thing we don't need now is more taxes. We are all being buried deep in taxes, regulations, and fees. Refineries are leaving the State, making prices higher and making us more dependent on foreign oil. Many businesses are leaving the state as a result of these things that are making it harder and harder to do business (California is a business unfriendly state) here which leads to less jobs for people or employees are having to relocate to another state in order to keep their job. Truckers, commuters, equipment companies, and Farmers, etc., are having to pay higher prices for their fuel which along with other higher input costs is driving them out of the state or out of business. Especially in Farming where the commodity prices remain low to the Farmer who takes all the risks but gets pennies on the dollar for their products. This is not the way to make an economy thrive, as more people and businesses leave the State as there are less and less incentives to stay. When you are over regulated, subjected to oversight by multiple agencies which overlap, over taxed, and have additional fees placed upon them, there are no incentives to stay or continue. All of this makes it harder for families to do well even when both the husband and wife are working and you are still having trouble to make ends meet. We need sensible, reasonable policies that help families, businesses, and industries thrive, creating more jobs and are able to grow to be more productive, so, please don't add another hurdle for all of us to jump when we are weighted down with what we have now. Thank you.