

Rockstar Builders (Jeff Shepherd)

As a self-employed small business owner, I rely on driving every day to earn a living. Increasing gasoline prices by another \$1 per gallon would directly raise my operating costs and reduce the income I bring home to support my family. Unlike large companies, small businesses like mine cannot easily absorb these increases or pass them on to customers. Policies that significantly raise fuel costs place an unfair burden on independent workers who depend on their vehicles to stay in business. I urge the Board to consider the real financial impact this will have on small business owners and working families.