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Governor Ned Lamont
State Capitol
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Dear Governor Lamont,

I write on behalf of the House Republican Caucus in response to your recent public comments regarding a suspension of the state's gas tax and your stated intention to discuss the matter with legislative leaders. Given the volatility of the fuel market and your expressed desire to act quickly to help Connecticut motorists, 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 are likely aware, House Republicans have long maintained that the Governor's office and the General Assembly should pursue permanent measures to address Connecticut's affordability challenges. Should gas tax relief be on the table, we would welcome the opportunity to work with you toward a lasting solution—one that delivers both meaningful cost savings and long-term price predictability for Connecticut residents and businesses, shielding them from fuel market volatility now and in the years ahead.

House Republicans have been instrumental in advancing previous gas tax suspension efforts, recognizing the burden that high fuel costs place on families in one of the nation's least affordable states. We are prepared to participate in that conversation again. However, we will come to the table with a clear objective: securing a permanent, structural remedy rather than a temporary measure.

We look forward to meeting with you and the other legislative leaders on this important matter. Please have your office contact mine at your earliest convenience to discuss scheduling.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent J. Candelora". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Representative Vincent Candelora
House Republican Leader

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