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A JOINT MEMORIAL

**REQUESTING THAT THE NEW MEXICO CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION SUPPORT
SUSPENSION OF FEDERAL GASOLINE TAXES.**

**WHEREAS, gasoline prices have skyrocketed in the aftermath
of recent weather disasters; and**

**WHEREAS, gasoline prices have increased by almost a dollar
per gallon from one year ago; and**

**WHEREAS, record increases in the price of gasoline at the
pump are unlikely to decline in the foreseeable future after
the closure of oil refineries in the gulf of Mexico; and**

**WHEREAS, working people in New Mexico have limited
transportation options and rely heavily on their automobiles to
earn a living; and**

**WHEREAS, New Mexicans are among the poorest people in the
nation, and most of them cannot absorb the rising costs of**

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1 gasoline without sinking further into poverty; and

2 WHEREAS, federal gasoline taxes can comprise almost one-
3 third of the cost of a gallon of gasoline; and

4 WHEREAS, several proposals for suspending the federal gas
5 tax have surfaced in Washington, D.C., but have not been acted
6 upon; and

7 WHEREAS, the people need and deserve some help in paying
8 their high gasoline transportation costs;

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
10 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that New Mexico's congressional delegation
11 be urged to suspend the federal gasoline tax to alleviate the
12 undue burden currently weighing down good New Mexico working
13 people and voters; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
15 transmitted to the members of the New Mexico congressional
16 delegation.