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Dear Friends,

Please find a way to raise the funds needed to maintain, build and service our roads and transportation system. Increasing the gas tax, although personally annoying and something of a regressive taxation method, is always a good idea as it both raises funds and discourages use of fossil fuels. More equitable would be to establish a weight/mile taxation system for all vehicles, not just heavy trucks. Since wealthier people tend to drive bigger and more fuel efficient cars, they are unfairly undertaxed by relying on fuel taxes alone. Likewise, it would be good to build in some relief for lower income folks who are often forced to live at greater distances from their employment by availability of affordable (?) housing. These are complicated questions, but we MUST adequately fund our transportation system and we can afford it.

Yours respectfully,
Joe