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A tax per mile driven is a VERY BAD process. Taxing something after the fact is difficult--that's why we have withholding. What happens when a person cannot pay/has no money for miles already driven? With a gas tax the money is in hand & collected BEFORE the miles are driven. Not so with a per-mile tax. Secondly, it's a very bad precedent to tax EACH MILE, whenever a person goes anywhere. With a gas tax, one can mitigate the rate somewhat--buy a smaller car, get better gas mileage, drive conservatively, coast when possible. With a per-mile tax, nothing can be done about miles one HAS to drive. It's the modern version of a head-tax. Try the Willie Sutton approach--tax the money/income. A progressive income tax! Not one that tops out at the poverty level of circa \$10,000! You're squeezing the bottom two-thirds of the population, that has the least amount of the money/income. NO PER-MILE TAX!!!