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The Honorable Mike McGuire Senate President Pro Tempore 1021 O Street, Suite 8518 Sacramento, California 95814

Dear President Pro Tempore McGuire:

As Senate President Pro Tempore and Chair of the Senate Rules Committee, I ask that you allow my Senate Bill to be introduced so it may be considered during the Second Extraordinary Session.

Following the Senate's legislative procedures, I sought to introduce my bill on Monday, October 7, at the convening of the Second Extraordinary Session. Governor Newsom's Proclamation calls for a special session to review price spikes for gasoline. A significant reason for the high price of gasoline in California, in comparison to other states, is the taxes and fees associated with it.

As such, it is appropriate for the Legislature to consider a review of these taxes and fees and how they affect Californians. If the true goal of the special session is to support Californians who are struggling to pay for gas in addition to groceries, utilities, and other basic necessities, then a discussion about how the state of California imposes taxes on gasoline and its part in increasing these costs is appropriate. Article IV of the California Constitution allows for discussion of "other matters incidental to the session."

In the words of Governor Newsom, what I'm "asking for is simple: transparency and accountability." ¹

It is critical now that all options are on the table in order to truly help our constituents. I stand ready to fly to Sacramento for a hearing.

Sincerely,

ROSILICIE OCHOA BOGH Senator, 23rd District

¹ https://calmatters.org/politics/2023/03/california-oil-profits-newsom/