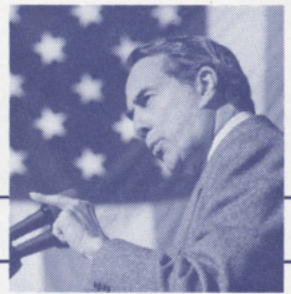


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REPEAL CLINTON GAS TAX HIKE

AS GAS PRICES RISE, DOLE URGES REPEAL OF PRESIDENT CLINTON'S 4.3 CENT PER GALLON GAS TAX INCREASE

WASHINGTON -- Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole today sent the following letter to President Clinton:

Dear Mr. President:

As I know you are aware, gasoline prices are careening out of control, and are diminishing the value of millions of American paychecks. In fact, reports indicate gasoline prices are at their highest level since the Persian Gulf War.

These gasoline price increases come on top of the 4.3 cents more per gallon Americans pay as a result of the \$265 billion 1993 tax increase. As American families prepare for the summer driving season, I hope you will join me in an effort to provide relief to American motorists by repealing the gasoline tax increase which was part of the \$265 billion tax increase package.

The gasoline tax affects all Americans. Repealing the 4.3 cents per gallon tax hike will cut driving costs for all Americans -- particularly those who rely on cars and trucks for their livelihoods -- by a total of \$4.8 billion per year.

Since the 1993 gasoline tax increase was not dedicated to the highway trust fund, repealing the tax will not reduce funds available to maintain and improve our nation's highways, roads, and bridges.

Since not a single Republican in the House or Senate voted for the \$265 billion tax increase in 1993, I am certain there will be strong Republican support for any repeal effort -- which I believe will be bipartisan.

I hope that we can work together to provide this relief for the driving public in a manner that will not increase the deficit, and in the same bipartisan spirit that has recently marked the successful enactment of the 1996 omnibus appropriations bill and the anti-terrorism bill.

Sincerely,

BOB DOLE
Senate Majority Leader