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Good afternoon, As a Special Educator I do not agree with your reasoning for not increasing the gas tax because increased spending did not fix education. I presume that was an uniformed statement on your part. I have worked in education for over thirty years including research and policy. Educating children - ALL children - is a complex endeavor which includes addressing many of the problems of our society as a whole. To compare education with infrastructure is not helpful nor realistic. These are two very different endeavors with many different factors to consider. It concerns me that you would take such a simplistic view of a statewide problem. My husband and I work in Georgia. Every year our state taxes collected by Georgia are turned over to SouthCarolina. Typically, we must pay an additional \$1,000 to SC. However, this year we owed an additional \$2000.00! It is my interpretation of this difference with tax rates for Georgia that GA has higher gas taxes so that those visitors traveling through help pay for state roads through a gas tax. This would help my husband and I - requiring that we pay less tax to SC. Please look again at your reasoning for avoiding an increase in the gas tax. And please, do not compare this issue to educating the children of SC.

Thank you,  
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