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Subject: TAX INCREASE ON GAS, 12 cents/gal. PROPOSED

Friends,

The long and short of the gas tax increase is explained by SC Policy Council below. Voters are not being assured that there is a plan to fix the roads and that the funds from this tax will even be used for our roads. With no accountability for which roads will be fixed and lack of trust in our system that allocates funds for roads, a tax is putting the cart before the horse.

Ashley Landess will be speaking this next Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 at the Bluffton Tea Party meeting. This and other issues will be covered.
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From: **Ashley Landess** <ashleyl@scpolicycouncil.org
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Good afternoon Ed,

I wanted to give you a quick update on the debate over roads.

Yesterday, a number of senators got together to present yet another “roads plan.” This “plan” would raise the gasoline tax by 12 cents, and this would supposedly be offset by a reduction in income brackets by 1 percent over 5 years.

That’s not a “roads plan.” That’s a tax increase.

It’s not a tax “cut,” either, even if those senators are spinning it that way. It’s a tax increase any way you look at it. The reduction is tiny, takes five years to be fully implemented, and only affects some taxpayers. The increase, by contrast, is substantial, takes effect almost immediately, and hits everyone who drives a car. Even worse: Senators said that the tax cut would be rescinded if projected

revenue doesn't grow by 4 percent – which it almost certainly will not!

This might be more about tax bills than you wanted to know, so our policy team put together a quick fact sheet explaining the essential points of the whole debate. It's here. <<http://scpolicycouncil.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=90f4d72dbc04b9503f9c911dc&id=8e0a3937b0&e=b9d5cf75a9>>

Meanwhile, our Director of Research, Jamie Murguia, has posted a terrific piece <<http://scpolicycouncil.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=90f4d72dbc04b9503f9c911dc&id=1e930f9d40&e=b9d5cf75a9>> about how Gov. Haley's demands for a "tax swap" involving an increase to the gas tax – especially the demand that the gas tax hike not go higher than 10 cents per gallon – mysteriously vanished from her website at exactly the time the Senate compromise plan was announced.

To repeat: There is no plan to fix roads. There is a plan to raise your taxes, but the revenue from that tax hike would get dumped into the same broken, legislature-dominated system that gave us this problem in the first place.

If you need proof of that, I challenge you to ask your lawmaker if he or she can tell you whether this gas tax hike will result in your roads being repaired. We've made it incredibly easy to ask – just click here. <<http://scpolicycouncil.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=90f4d72dbc04b9503f9c911dc&id=26dd78a9e1&e=b9d5cf75a9>> So far, the answers have ranged from "I don't know" to "I'll look into it" to "Probably not." We'll update you on some of those answers at *The Nerve* on Monday.

Thanks for staying engaged with this issue. It really does matter whether the legislature takes more money from South Carolina taxpayers merely to finance a corrupt and broken system.

We'll be in touch next week. Thanks again.

All the best,

Ashley Landess

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Governor's website gets makeover just as compromise goes public
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State universities: Debtors' prisons? <<http://scpolicycouncil.us2.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=90f4d72dbc04b9503f9c911dc&id=36ce810005&e=b9d5cf75a9>>

Highway maintenance fund drops over last four years
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Another DOT commissioner with biz ties to agency
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Bill analysis: Abolishing CON laws <<http://scpolicycouncil.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=90f4d72dbc04b9503f9c911dc&id=0ebba46dcd&e=b9d5cf75a9>>

State budget: More money for debt and universities
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Tax hike falters in full Senate <<http://scpolicycouncil.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=90f4d72dbc04b9503f9c911dc&id=712c5fa3a4&e=b9d5cf75a9>>

Senate Finance passes major tax hike <<http://scpolicycouncil.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=90f4d72dbc04b9503f9c911dc&id=1aeab30648&e=b9d5cf75a9>>

DOT commissioner breaks silence, denies conflict
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Who's really responsible for bad roads? <<http://scpolicycouncil.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=90f4d72dbc04b9503f9c911dc&id=1881b02b94&e=b9d5cf75a9>>

Lawmakers' businesses draw income from local governments
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What 'income tax relief'? <<http://scpolicycouncil.us2.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=90f4d72dbc04b9503f9c911dc&id=1ac58ff28e&e=b9d5cf75a9>>

Who holds the General Assembly accountable? <<http://scpolicycouncil.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=90f4d72dbc04b9503f9c911dc&id=fea73816ca&e=b9d5cf75a9>>

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