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Ladies and Gentlemen:

For many years tax revenues have been generated for the State of CT from a tax on gasoline and diesel fuel. This money was originally earmarked to be spent on maintaining our highways and bridges along with other improvements to the State's infrastructure. In addition, the State of CT also instituted the Gross Receipts Tax, GRT, that taxes suppliers of these petroleum products that eventually get passed down to the end users, the tax payers. It's bad enough that CT has one of the highest gasoline and diesel fuel taxes in the country, but to take these revenues and use them to balance the budget is certainly counter productive to attracting new businesses to come to our state. Our highways are in deplorable condition and cost every CT resident more money in needless automotive repairs on their vehicles. Either use these revenues for their original intended purposes or to pay down our State's debt! The State of Connecticut must learn to live within their means and reduce run-away spending.

Respectfully,

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