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Dear Ocean County Resident:

As prices continue to climb for everything from groceries to fuel, I want you to know that I am doing everything I can to keep Ocean County an affordable place to live and retire. I have already written to our state legislators requesting that they quickly enact a \$500 tax rebate for drivers to help offset the skyrocketing price of gasoline.

While we wait for the wheels of Trenton to slowly turn and act on this important rebate, I am requesting an immediate gasoline tax holiday for the entire month of May. I have always felt that the gasoline tax is especially unfair to Ocean County. Our commuters travel some of the longest distances in the state to reach work. Also, our county does not have the luxury of an established mass transit system similar to the expansive bus and train routes that benefit northern New Jersey communities. Our residents are forced to drive their cars and are forced to pay these ridiculously high gas prices.

A gas tax holiday could save motorists as much as 42 cents a gallon. This is money that could be used to buy food and medicine rather than to fill Trenton's coffers. New Jersey drivers already pay the fourth highest gasoline tax in the nation, which is an unconscionable burden on top of already soaring market prices. Fuel prices are so out of control that many of our senior citizens can no longer travel to places where they want to go, but only to places where they have to go.

Inflation and rising costs are nationwide problems, but rest assured that I will continue to look for innovative ways to help you maintain your lifestyle and combat these economic challenges.

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