



South Bend Common Council

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At-Large Council Member

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The Honorable Mike Braun

Governor of Indiana

Indiana Statehouse

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City Clerk, South Bend, IN

Dear Governor Braun,

On March 23, 2026, we wrote to you as concerned Hoosier residents and as South Bend Common Council members who serve in South Bend, Indiana, to respectfully urge you to temporarily suspend the state's gasoline tax. As we noted in our letter to you, the current tax burden at the pump is making it difficult for many working families here in the South Bend, Indiana area to afford the daily commute to work and to transport their families.

Thank you so much for announcing today on April 8, 2026, a 30-day suspension of the 7% state sales tax on gasoline starting in April 2026 to combat rising fuel prices, which is estimated to save Hoosiers approximately 17 cents per gallon. This tax holiday will provide immediate relief at the pump during these uncertain times in our world, which are impacting each of us at home here in Indiana.

With average gas prices around \$4.14, this tax break reduces costs by approximately 17 cents per gallon.

Also, we thank you for asking our Attorney General to monitor this action for gas price gouging.

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Grateful to You for taking this cost-saving action for the People of Indiana, including those of us who reside in the Great City of South Bend,

Dr. Oliver Davis

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Sincerely,

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