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Constituent Opinion Ballot

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Gas-Tax Holiday

With gas prices reaching record levels, some are calling on Congress to pass legislation to suspend the 18.4 cent federal gas tax and the 24.4 cent federal diesel tax for three months, from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Currently, the federal gas tax goes to the Department of Transportation (DOT) for transportation and highway repair. Time is short. Make your voice heard by faxing this ballot at the fax number listed below to your representative today.

Senators McCain (R-AZ) and Clinton (D-NY)

"Hard-working American families are suffering from higher gasoline prices, and they need relief. Now is the time to act with a tangible plan to address this problem ... The 'tax holiday' will make the summer driving season easier for people across the nation ... Last Memorial Day alone, approximately 32 million Americans traveled by car 50 miles or more from their homes to their destinations. The legislation we introduced today will give families a break this summer – putting money back into the pockets of millions," said Sen. McCain.

Sen. Clinton's proposal "... is that the oil companies pay the gas tax instead of consumers ... this gas tax issue to me is very real, because I am meeting people ... who drive for a living, who commute long distances, who would save money if the oil companies paid this $8 billion this summer, instead of it coming out of the pockets of consumers."

Senator Barack Obama (D-IL)

"It would last for three months and it would save you on average half a tank of gas, $25 to $30. That's what Senator Clinton and Senator McCain are proposing to deal with the gas prices ... And without a plan to pay for it right away, it means the money would come directly out of the fund that we use to pay for construction projects ... It's not clear what would prevent the oil companies from just jacking up prices five percent. So you end up giving them more money and we've drained the highway trust fund. This is the problem with Washington ... Oil companies...just reported record profits for the quarter and we're arguing over a gimmick to save you half a tank of gas...so that everyone in Washington can pat themselves on the back and say that they did something. Well let me tell you something. This isn't an idea designed to get you through the summer. It's an idea designed to get them through an election."

Should Congress pass a national gas-tax holiday?

( ) Yes ( ) No (X) Undecided

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As a constituent of yours, my personal opinion is: Unfortunatly All three are right, If the gas companies will pay the TAX & GO for it.

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Signature

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