

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

June 3, 2026

President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Trump:

We write regarding rising gasoline prices ahead of the summer travel season and growing concerns from Coloradans about fuel affordability. After you unilaterally dragged the United States into another endless war in the Middle East, Americans are being forced to foot the bill at the gas pump. Recent reporting and market analysis indicate that gasoline prices have surged nationally in recent weeks, with Colorado being one of the top 10 most expensive gasoline markets, with prices reaching over \$4.76 per gallon,¹ which is over 60% more than Coloradans paid before the war. Furthermore, prices have the potential to climb even further this summer.² We are deeply concerned that, by your own account, you “don’t think about Americans’ financial situation” when negotiating with Iran, at a time when Americans continue to struggle to pay for groceries, housing, and everyday essentials.³ Coloradans need a plan for how you intend to deliver relief as families are being crushed by rising costs.

Summer travel is an important tradition for families across our country, whether it be taking well-earned time off to visit family or driving through small towns and gateway communities to visit National Parks and other treasured American destinations. Rising fuel prices will make it harder for families to experience the beauty of our nation, support local businesses, attend community events, and celebrate America’s heritage. Millions of Americans will travel this summer to visit Washington, D.C., and historic sites across the country as preparations continue for America’s 250th anniversary celebrations, making affordable fuel even more important for families planning these trips.

Given these factors, we request information regarding the Administration’s strategy to lower gasoline prices and mitigate effects on consumers during the 2026 summer travel season.

Specifically, please respond to the following questions no later than June 18, 2026:

1 <https://gasprices.aaa.com/memorial-day-weekend-gas-prices-reach-four-year-highs/>

2 https://finance.yahoo.com/video/gasbuddy-warns-average-prices-could-hit-5-a-gallon-by-july-195952780.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLnNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAANpRJ2lbSX-UMCzhzfNaBQGXLp32WE2GQP_JuKEmvtY0u-dcmf_fHL3IGE19uUboYltShQo7X_tG-pqVehyQspLh4Fx2sGmDt9ZC3-z2O2aE0kQPz3PfkvQsnQjsmECfIDTHXQ8KK-sAVQrKtSOCZ_c0xiUIbOEi7GjwNX3aYWOy

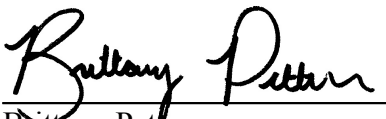
3 <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/watch-i-dont-think-about-americans-financial-situation-when-negotiating-with-iran-trump-says#:~:text=%22Not%20even%20a%20little%20bit,t%20have%20a%20nuclear%20weapon.%22>

1. What specific actions is the Administration currently undertaking to reduce gas prices in the near term?
2. Have you developed a coordinated interagency plan to address projected fuel price increases during the summer travel season? If so, please provide that plan.
3. What analysis have you conducted regarding the primary drivers of recent gasoline price increases? Please provide this analysis.
4. What assessment have you made regarding the economic impact of elevated gasoline prices on low- and moderate- income households, rural communities, and small businesses? Please provide this assessment.
5. What benchmarks or metrics are you using to evaluate whether the actions you are taking are successfully lowering gasoline prices? Please publish these benchmarks.

Americans deserve transparency and accountability regarding the Administration's plan to address rising fuel prices. Families across the country are making difficult decisions right now based on the expectation that gasoline prices may continue to rise throughout the summer. Yet, your Administration continues to find endless money for a war in Iran and White House renovations. Congress and the public should understand what concrete actions are being taken to provide relief to American households.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to your prompt response.

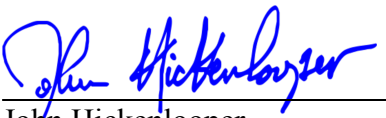
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