



September 2, 2020

The Honorable Phil Murphy
Governor of New Jersey
Office of the Governor
PO Box 001
Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: Proposed Gas Tax Increase

Dear Governor Murphy:

I am the Executive Director of the Greater New Jersey Motorcoach Association. We have information regarding the proposed gas tax increase. We oppose the statutory gas tax increase and support legislative action to amend the funding formula to be discretionary. Our members provide valuable service to consumers and are an integral part of achieving your goals, as buses move people in and out of NYC with efficiency as a provider of “mass transit” and transport other types of passengers through-out the tri-state area.

We have recently had to absorb a recent toll hike, as well as the significant decrease in ridership due to the devastating impact of the pandemic. In general, our private bus operators, many of which who provide public transportation, already bear the brunt of these increases in cost, along with NJ residents and taxpayers. Ever-increasing costs result in higher fares, and in some cases potentially a loss of service if a route becomes uneconomical to operate. Some of our members have already suspended operations due to the pandemic effects.

If you have questions or want to learn more about our industry’s concerns, we respectfully request a discussion.

Respectfully submitted,

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