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DEAR MIKE

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I WRITE TO YOU WITH CONCERNS OVER THE INADEQUATE RESPONSE BY BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE TO THE CURRENT FUEL CRISIS.

AS THE STATE GOVERNMENT RELIEVES GST REVENUE, I WOULD ASSUME THAT AN INCREASE TO THE STATE IS INEVITABLE, AS FUEL PRICES LAST YEAR AT THIS TIME WAS APPROX 92¢ PER LTR. THE GST COMPONENT WOULD BE APPROX 8.8¢. NOW WITH FUEL AT ANYWHERE BETWEEN \$1.20 - \$1.50 PER LTR THE GST COMPONENT ON AVERAGE (\$1.35) IS 12¢ PER LTR, (\$1.20 GST 10.9¢ - \$1.50 GST 13.6¢). ALSO BEARING IN MIND THAT THE 38¢ PER LTR EXCISE ALSO EXISTS, NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO TELL ME IF WE ARE PAYING A GST ON EXCISE? IF SO, I FIND THAT IMMORAL TO TAXPAYERS.

I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT OUR STATE GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE THE ~~LOAD~~ OFF OUR TAXPAYERS BY SUGGESTING AN SLIDING GST ON FUEL ONLY EVEN OUT THE BURDEN TO ALL AS I FEAR INFLATION WILL BEGIN TO GROW. A SIMPLE APPROACH LIKE THIS MAY GIVE SOME BREATHING SPACE UNTIL A MORE PERMANENT SOLUTION IS CREATED. TO SAY ITS NOT POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE A REDUCTION ON THE GST DOES NOT EQUATE WITH ME AS THE FEDS WERE (AND NOW STOPPED) AN INCREASE OF .06¢ PER LTR TO GIVE TO THE OIL COMPANIES, SO IF IT CAN BE ADDED ON, IT ALSO CAN BE TAKEN OFF. NO ONE ~~LOSES~~ AS THE LEAST FOUR Sincerely,
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