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## IDAHO STATE LEGISLATURE

The Honorable Brad Little  
Governor of Idaho  
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Dear Governor Little,

Idahoans are hurting. In 2022, families across this state have watched prices for ordinary, every-day goods increase substantially, which is straining their ability to keep up with the cost of living. According to the Idaho Center for Fiscal Policy, the price of food has gone up 10% in the last 12 months, while the cost of gas went up 18% in a single month.

The average cost of a gallon of gas is currently \$4.97 in Idaho, one of the highest rates in the nation. It is becoming more expensive to drive to work while at the same time basic needs are costing more. This is making it harder for Idaho families to make ends meet.

The time is now to give Idahoans what they need the most in the face of rising costs, which is their tax dollars back in their pocket.

We call on you to convene a special legislative session to enact a 6-month gas tax holiday or equivalent rebate. Taking this action in the coming weeks would give everyday Idahoans relief at the gas pump totalling 32 cents per gallon. When Idahoans are struggling and the state sits on a significant budget surplus of \$1.3 billion, this type of tax relief is helpful, timely and affordable. A 6-month tax holiday or rebate would cost the state a fraction of this surplus at \$180 million, meaning considerable tax relief to Idahoans is well within the state's budget.

We call on you, Governor Little, to convene a special session of the Idaho Legislature to help Idahoans afford basic needs during this difficult time. The state has the money, and working Idaho families have the need. The only thing that remains is the will to do it.

Sincerely,

Sen. David Nelson  
Rep. James Ruchti