



RESOLUTION

HOUSE BILL #519 | OHIO GAS TAX SUPPRESSION

PRESENTED BY	WCC Civic Engagement Committee
BOARD APPROVAL	September 28, 2026

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Resolved, that Woman's City Club opposes the 90-day suspension by the Ohio State Assembly of the 38.5-cent per gallon gas tax and 47-cent diesel tax.

The gas tax suspension would save the average Ohio consumer only about \$165 over a 90-day period but it would cost the state an estimated \$640 to \$700 million.

Proponents have suggested that this cost can be covered by surplus funds from the state Highway Operating Fund, but those funds are already committed to fund transportation projects.

Another suggested source is an alleged surplus in the state general revenue of nearly \$1.8 billion over estimates at the close of the fiscal year in June. But around \$1.2 billion of that has been allocated through House Bill 479 to a nursing home settlement, a one-time credit for those receiving the homestead tax exemption, an expanded 15-day sales tax holiday next August and other expenditures.

The timing of the suspension five weeks before the election appears to be an attempt to influence voters and is an unwise approach to the state's fiscal management.

THEREFORE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Woman's City Club opposes the 90-day suspension by the Ohio State Assembly of the 38.5-cent per gallon gas tax and the 47-cent diesel tax.