# Ohio Contractors Association

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Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear and members of the Senate General Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

My name is Michelle Holdgreve, I'm the Legislative Director for the Ohio Contractors Association (OCA). OCA is the statewide trade association representing the highway and utility construction industry. Our members build and maintain the roads, bridges and infrastructure that support Ohio's communities and economy.

We recognize the significant impact historically high gasoline and diesel prices are having on Ohio families and businesses. OCA members are feeling those same pressures every day as they fuel the trucks and heavy equipment necessary to do their work. We understand the desire to provide some short-term relief at the pump.

As you consider a temporary suspension of Ohio's motor fuel taxes, **OCA's priority is to ensure Ohio's state and local transportation infrastructure programs remain fully funded.**

Ohio's motor fuel tax provides critical funding for the Ohio Department of Transportation as well as counties, municipalities and townships. Any revenue lost during a temporary suspension must be fully replaced so that no transportation project is disrupted or delayed. **For our members, those dollars translate directly into work on Ohio's roads and bridges and into paychecks for the men and women who build them.**

Ohio has made significant investments in its roads and bridges and maintaining that commitment is vital to our economy. A strong transportation system is essential to moving people and goods and keeping Ohio competitive. **Relief for Ohio families and businesses and continued investment in the transportation system they rely on can — and should — go hand in hand.**

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to answer any questions.

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