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**Some Madison politicians and special interests could double the gas tax on Wisconsinites**  
*Senators Kapenga and Stroebel support Governor Walker's no tax increase plan*

Madison, WI – If special interests and some Madison politicians have their way, the Wisconsin gas tax, which is already one of the highest in the nation, could nearly double. For months there has been an effort to convince Wisconsinites that the transportation fund needs a permanent infusion of cash on the backs of regular people.

A new Legislative Fiscal Bureau memo states Wisconsinites would see a 28.1 cent per gallon gas tax increase if this effort had its way, which would take more than \$1.8 billion more out of people's bank accounts over the next two years. This represents a 91% increase in Wisconsin's gas tax. As a result, Wisconsin would have the highest gas tax in the nation.

Senator Chris Kapenga (R-Delafield), who requested the memo, said, "As one of the first CPA's in history elected to the state legislature, I consider it my job to analyze numbers and protect our taxpayers when government comes asking for more of their paycheck. We are already in the highest tier in the nation for the gas tax, and our total transportation revenues have increased every year for the past 20 years. We don't have a revenue problem; we have a spending problem. That's where the focus needs to be, which is why I support Governor Walker's plan, where taxes are not raised."

"If the #JustTaxIt coalition get their way, Wisconsin's tax climate will move in the wrong direction," echoed Senator Duey Stroebel (R-Cedarburg). "Some have accused the Governor of 'drawing a line in the sand.' If that is their definition of keeping campaign promises and sticking to conservative principles, they have been Madison politicians far too long. Senator Kapenga and I come from the private sector where tough decisions are made daily. Rather than produce dog and pony show social media posts, I hope the #JustTaxIt coalition will soon release their specific plan."

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