

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.251

Rep. Thanedar offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to urge the federal government to eliminate all  
2 taxes on gasoline for a period of 60 days.

3       Whereas, The Russian invasion of Ukraine has caused a shock in  
4 gas prices throughout the United States. In Michigan, the average  
5 price has eclipsed \$4 per gallon and had jumped more than 20%  
6 between February and March 2022; and

7       Whereas, Some experts predict that gas prices will continue to  
8 rise as the conflict continues. President Joe Biden recently  
9 announced sanctions that will ban imports of Russian oil, which is  
10 certain to create additional upward pressure on the price of gas in  
11 the United States; and

12       Whereas, Michigan residents should not be forced to bear the  
13 cost of Russian aggression overseas. Skyrocketing gas prices are

1 causing significant financial stress for families that rely on  
2 vehicles to make a living; and

3       Whereas, Minimizing the volatility of the price of oil is a  
4 complex endeavor, but the government can easily provide some relief  
5 by altering how gasoline is taxed at the pump. Taxes on gasoline  
6 make up a significant portion of the cost per gallon, with the  
7 federal gas tax of 18.4 cents per gallon making up nearly 5 percent  
8 of the overall price; and

9       Whereas, Temporarily suspending taxes on gasoline will help to  
10 limit the cost of Russia's unprovoked invasion on families in  
11 Michigan and throughout the country. As our nation continues to  
12 recover from the COVID-19 Pandemic, it is critical to ensure that  
13 Americans are able to reap the benefits of an improved economy  
14 rather than suffer from another international crisis that is beyond  
15 their control; now, therefore, be it

16       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the  
17 federal government to eliminate all taxes on gasoline for a period  
18 of 60 days; and be it further

19       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
20 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States  
21 House of Representatives, the President of the United States  
22 Senate, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.