



Minnesota House of Representatives

October 8, 2026

The Honorable Tim Walz, Governor
130 State Capitol
75 Rev Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

Governor Walz:

As representatives whose constituents have been impacted by high fuel prices, we thank you for issuing Emergency Executive Order 26-11, suspending hours of service requirements for transporting motor fuels and allowing higher weight limits for transporting agricultural and forestry products.

While your executive order is a good start, we hope more can be done to directly ease the financial burden of historically high fuel prices on Minnesota's truckers, farmers, loggers, and others who depend on diesel fuel for their work and transportation.

On October 5, 2026, the White House issued an executive order putting into motion a deferral of the federal excise tax on diesel fuel, without penalties and interest, through December 31, 2026. The order directs the Secretary of Treasury to explore avenues to forgive the deferred tax. Further, the Internal Revenue Service is directed to not impose a penalty when dyed diesel fuel is sold for use or used for highway transportation during this period.

Section 8 of the White House executive order directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to "engage with states to further the policies of this order" and "to encourage states to adopt policies that correspond" to the executive order.

We strongly urge your office to investigate whether your emergency power authority allows you to take corresponding action at the state level to provide tax relief and the flexibility to use dyed diesel on our state highways without penalties imposed by state authorities.

Prior to the issuance of the White House Executive Order, North Dakota effectively suspended its excise tax on diesel fuel by allowing dyed fuel to be used on the highway.

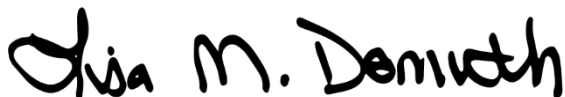
Each gallon of diesel purchased in Minnesota is taxed at 32.6 cents by the state. Allowing “red-dyed” fuel for on-highway use, even for this limited period of time would be helpful to truckers farmers, loggers and others who depend on diesel fuel to do their work.

We thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



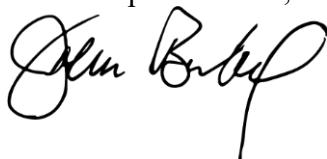
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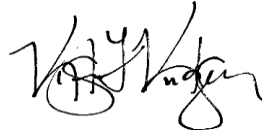
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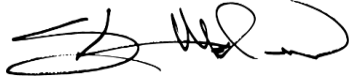
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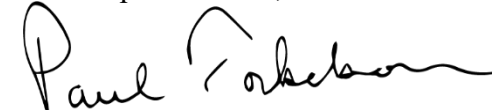
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