



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

Peter Oberacker

## Senator Oberacker Continues to Push for Relief at the Pump

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**ALBANY, 03/09/22** -- State Senator Peter Oberacker (R/C – Schenectady) today continued his push to bring direct and immediate relief to New Yorkers **by advancing an amendment that would suspend the state gas tax.** The measure was voted down on the senate floor along party lines with all Republicans voting in favor of the amendment and all Democrats voting no.

**“New Yorkers are dealing with record gas prices at a time when inflation has hit a 40 year high. Suspending the gas tax is a simple, straightforward proposal that will help everyone who drives to work, to pick up groceries, or to take their kids to school. Putting a hold on the gas tax will also help our economy – manufacturers, the tourism industry, and especially our family farms,”** said Senator Peter Oberacker.

Earlier this week Senator Oberacker along with Senator Fred Akshar introduced [\*the New York Gas Tax Relief Act \(S.8483\)\*](#) which would suspend the state gas tax until September 1, 2022. The bill would also ensure that when gas tax collections resume, the funds are directed to the state’s Dedicated Highway and Bridge Trust Fund, where they belong.

A recent report from New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli highlighted the fact that just 17 cents of each dollar in the state’s Dedicated Highway Bridge and Trust Fund goes toward capital projects. Similar reports from the comptroller were issued in 2009 and 2014.

**“People lose faith in politicians when they look the other way and allow the misuse of funds to continue year after year. Empty promises, plain and simple. It is time for Albany to own up to the public and correct these abuses,”** added Senator Oberacker.

Additionally, Senator Oberacker, reaffirmed his opposition to a proposed 55-cent per gallon gas tax increase.

**“At a time when our governor is promoting a budget proposal that includes record spending and a \$10 billion surplus, the state should not be profiting on the backs of consumers,”** concluded Senator Oberacker

Senator Oberacker's floor statement available [here](#).

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## 2021-S8483

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- Introduced
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- - On Floor Calendar Assembly
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- - Passed Assembly
  - Passed Senate
- Delivered to Governor
- Signed By Governor
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Requires the deposit, into the dedicated highway and bridge trust fund, of a portion of the sales tax collected on each gallon of motor fuel sold at retail and establishes a temporary fuel tax holiday; repealer

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In Senate Committee [Budget and Revenue](#)

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