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Dear Chancellor,

My fellow MPs and I, want to see Fuel Duty cut to stimulate growth, but at least frozen at the current level for the lifetime of this Parliament.

As you know, a major influence on rising inflation is the increasing fuel costs for transport, delivery, and logistics. We have seen record high prices in filling up at the pumps in the last 12 months, and despite a strengthening pound and significant wholesale falls in recent weeks, petrol is still 22p/litre higher than back in January. That's £11 extra to fill up an average family car.

The commercial heartbeat of any economy depends on diesel. Prices here have reached eye watering levels, 53p/litre higher, in this year alone, with many hauliers and small businesses struggling to stay afloat. 65% of all fuel dispensed is Diesel and bizarrely it is currently over 25p/litre higher priced than petrol. The levels of vehicle fuel prices, currently petrol is averaging 165p, diesel 190p are unsustainable in our pursuit of economic growth and reducing inflation.

FairFuelUK's latest survey of 70,000 road users shows that 25% of motorists have reduced their normal driving habits considerably due to high pump prices, but 3 out of 4, because they have no choice, are still driving their normal mileage. Along with all UK's drivers they are being chronically punished by crippling and needlessly high fuel taxation and unchecked profiteering in the fuel supply chain.

The Treasury has benefited from these high pump prices too, with an extra estimated £3bn of VAT receipts in 2022, including the VAT charged on fuel duty itself. Its worth noting, in FairFuelUK's huge survey of voters across the UK, 73% want the Cost-of-Living Crisis and lowering inflation to be your top 2 priorities. Only 2% want Net Zero to be a priority of our Government. And will you meet with FairFuelUK representative, Howard Cox, and me to discuss the future of road user taxation and the blatant unchecked profiteering in the fuel supply



chain?

It is critical that 37m drivers have the same consumer price protection afforded to other essential resources like energy and water. So along with continuing the freeze in fuel duty, will you discuss PumpWatch with us too?

Thank you for time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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