

TESTIMONY TO ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE



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Chair Watts, and Members of the Assembly Committee on Growth and Infrastructure,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in opposition to Assembly Bill 530. While maintaining and improving infrastructure is a priority for our state, AB530 represents a tax increase without voter approval, setting a concerning precedent for taxation without direct public consent.

Under current law, any additional annual increases in motor vehicle fuel taxes beyond 2026 require the approval of a majority of Clark County voters in the November 2026 general election. AB530 would remove this requirement, instead allowing the Clark County Commission to extend these tax hikes through a simple two-thirds vote of the board. This change strips voters of their right to have a direct say in tax policy that affects their daily lives, undermining democratic accountability in the process.

Beyond the issue of voter oversight, this bill is fundamentally a tax increase. At a time when many Nevadans are already struggling with rising costs of living, increasing fuel taxes without a public vote would place an additional financial burden on families, commuters, and businesses that rely on transportation. Gas taxes are inherently regressive, disproportionately impacting lower-income residents who spend a larger portion of their income on transportation.

And while infrastructure funding is essential, but the solution should not come at the expense of taxpayer rights. If additional revenue is truly necessary, the appropriate course of action is to allow the voters to decide, as originally intended. Removing their ability to weigh in on continued tax increases erodes public trust in the legislative process and sets a dangerous precedent for bypassing direct democratic input.

For these reasons, we urge the committee to oppose AB530 and uphold the principle that tax increases, particularly those that directly affect everyday Nevadans, should be subject to voter approval. Thank you for your time.



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