

Dear Representatives of the Transportation Utilities and Infrastructure Committee,

I respectfully ask you to vote NO on HB1, HB2, and HB3 to afford the citizens a fair opportunity to be engaged in this process. I only saw the introduced bills yesterday and today a public hearing is being held?

For transparency, these bills should not be rushed through the legislature.

My Macon County is also considering an additional fuel tax of 4 cents, bringing the total to 6 cents in a county with a per capita income of under \$20K. The county commission just approved a 1-cent sales tax for the school system and wants a revenue stream of \$550,000/year for a subsidized ambulance fee.

Many others and I are on fixed incomes. The state and my county are encouraging residents to make life-changing choices.

There are other revenue sources in our state than a regressive tax. I encourage you to use on-line gambling, lottery, and legalized gaming as the revenue source. My representative, Pebblin Warren, recently stated a bookie at a gaming conference asked her "What is Alabama doing, when Alabama has the highest betting on sports in the entire nation?"

If the committee sees the need for additional funding – though I feel most if not all of needed amount is available in government, provide the citizens a legislative referendum.

Look at the amount of money spent on travel within the legislature and remainder of the state before taking money from our pharmaceuticals, family celebrations, and groceries.

Respectfully, I again ask you to VOTE 'NO'

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