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High Gas Prices Hurt America's Economy!

I don't know how many miles per gallon your car gets, but I know that **HIGH GAS PRICES are hurting America's economy.**



At this time of year's people travel more and make plans for the vacation season. However, this year **high gas prices are affecting everything around us.** High gas prices impact **the cost of shipping food to stores, going shopping, going out to dinner and traveling to visit family and friends.** Because gas prices rose so much many people are cutting back on driving. When gas costs around \$4.00 per gallon and you're getting 15 to 22 miles per gallon, **people tend to cut back on driving because a fill up now cuts into other spending.** Cutting back on basic spending to afford GAS has a very

negative effect on tourism, shopping and the entertainment industries. Besides the actual cost of engaging in these activities, increased transportation costs is causing a financial squeeze that further **weakens America's overall economy.**

The last time I discussed rising gas prices in my commentary, I noted that **I saw prices on everything rise as gas prices rose, but when the gas prices went down, the prices of products remained the same.** High gas prices benefit corporate profits and investors and even government because as prices go up, sales and other taxes are considered in the increased prices.

The question most often asked, "**How can we change this situation**"? **First: contact all of your elected officials** to go on record that you are disturbed that international events are having such an impact on gas prices in the U.S.A. **Second: let them know that America must be energy independent** and ask them to support all legislation that supports energy Independence so we are governed by conditions in the U.S.A. and not by what is happening in other parts of the world. **Third: let elected officials know your concern about the excessive profits gas companies are earning** while Americans are finding it hard to make ends meet. I know that we live in a FREE economy, but if something is hurting the American people, it is our duty to **speak up for change.** Remember, everytime you contact your elected officials and **speak up where you shop, you are making a more positive statement than you realize.** You saw what saying nothing for 30 years did, now let's see what speaking up for positive change will do?

This is Michael Blichasz. I'm trying to bring attention to ways we can improve American economy, however, your participation is needed to make it a success. Email me your comments and suggestions from the front page link on AmericanWorkersNeedYou.com.