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The Honorable Doug Ducey  
Governor of Arizona  
1700 West Washington St  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Dear Governor Ducey:

I write to urge you to utilize Coronavirus State Fiscal Recovery Funds (CSFRF) from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to provide relief from rising gas prices to Arizona families, especially low and moderate-income families that have endured disproportionate economic harm due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Arizona is slated to receive the second half of its CSFR funds, over \$2 billion, in the coming weeks, and Arizonans need relief now.

As you are aware, supply chain challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic have led to increased oil prices over the past year, which has hurt Arizonans at the gas pump. Recently, gas price increases have been further exacerbated by Vladimir Putin's illegal, unprovoked invasion of Ukraine and oil company CEOs' choice to use this opportunity to price gouge, passing higher costs on to consumers while they sit on unused federal land leases and buy back stocks after reaping billions in profit last year.

Fortunately, Democrats in Congress and President Biden passed the ARPA to provide funding to states to address the public health and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. I strongly urge you to use part of these funds to ease Arizonans' economic burden at the gas pump, including by exploring options like gas rebates for those that have still not fully recovered economically from the pandemic. Using CSFR funds to provide economic relief to Arizonans at the pump will help ensure a robust and equitable recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic in line with the intent of the ARPA.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this request and the economic wellbeing of all Arizonans.

Sincerely,



Ruben Gallego  
Member of Congress