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The President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. President,

Since January of 2007 when Democrats assumed the leadership of Congress, gas prices in Tennessee have reached a historic level near \$4.00 per gallon. This represents nearly a two dollar per gallon increase, and directly corresponds with policies adopted by the new majority leadership that refuses to address the astronomical economic pressure high gasoline prices place on Tennessee families.

Yet Speaker Pelosi and the Democrat leadership remain unmoved by Americans' call for Congress to work together on legislation that will increase domestic energy production today, or economic incentives to promote alternative energy solutions for the future. I therefore call upon you to invoke authority provided to your office under Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution, which allows the President to convene a special session of Congress 'on extraordinary occasions.'

Given the detrimental impact high gasoline prices are placing on the American economy, and my constituents' desperate cry for relief from the pain at the pump, I believe the time to act is now. The Democrat congressional leadership's recalcitrance demands immediate action, and should you call for a special session of Congress, I will fully support your decision to force action on legislation to ease the price at the pump.

Sincerely,


Marsha Blackburn
Member of Congress