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# Raising State Tax on Gas

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I am a former Republican candidate for the Legislature. I always pride myself in being able to represent the party as "the party of low taxes." So when I read of the plan by state Sen. Ken Maddy (R-Fresno) and Assemblyman Pat Nolan (R-Glendale) to offer us a 25% increase (8 cents per gallon) in our gasoline taxes, I was both distressed and outraged. Nolan was elected, and continues to be elected, because of his professed conservative principles. We already put up with his playing footsie with Assembly Speaker Willie Brown (D-San Francisco). We already put up with his power mongering in the state party. Now, he wants to raise our taxes.

Pat, whose side are you on anyhow, the people of California, or a small bunch of cronies?

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