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Rep. Bollin votes to suspend state gas tax, deliver relief to residents

State Rep. Ann Bollin and the Michigan House today approved a plan to suspend the state's tax on gasoline and diesel fuels to provide immediate financial relief to Michigan drivers.

Bollin, of Brighton Township, said Michigan's gas and diesel taxes are among the highest in the nation at 27 cents per gallon. The plan approved today removes the tax for the next six months.

"The prices we're paying at the pump are brutal," Bollin said. "We can provide immediate relief by removing the state gas tax, so Michiganders pay less out of their own pockets."

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer recently called on Congress to support legislation to suspend the federal gas tax.

"Rather than going to the federal government asking for another handout, I am focused on finding solutions at the state level to help Michiganders," Bollin said. "With a \$4 billion state

budget surplus, the state can afford to do this without hurting any essential services or scheduled road maintenance projects.”

Under the plan approved today, Michigan drivers stand to save approximately \$750 million between April 1 and Sept. 30, which is more than they would save from a pause in the smaller federal fuel tax. Giving drivers a break from both fuel taxes would amount to 45-cents per gallon savings.

House Bill 5570 now advances to the Senate, where a vote is planned next week to send the measure to the governor’s desk.