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Whitmer Trashes Another Campaign Promise

LANSING, March 5, 2019 – Governor Gretchen Whitmer today will unveil a destructive new plan to triple the gas tax on Michigan workers and families, shattering a campaign promise made during a debate last October.

Whitmer on October 12, 2018, categorically denied an allegation from her opponent that she planned to raise the gas tax by 20 cents per gallon, calling the accusation “ridiculous” and chiding her opponent, accusing him of peddling “nonsense, and you know it.”

The exchange can be viewed online at [this link](#).

Today, Whitmer is proposing a 45 cents per gallon gas tax hike, tripling the tax on Michigan motorists. The gas tax hike alone – one of several expected in her budget proposal – will exceed \$2 billion per year, and cost the average family \$700 or more annually.

“Tripling the gas tax is a lazy and uninspired proposal that will devastate Michigan families,” said Tony Daunt, Executive Director of the Michigan Freedom Fund. “Gretchen Whitmer understands the harm she’s doing to families as well as anyone – that’s why she lied on the campaign trail about her plan to triple motorists’ taxes. Whitmer’s broken promise will force families to choose between getting to work each day or putting food on the table, buying medicine for their sick kids, or keeping the furnace running all winter. Those are choices no one in Michigan should have to make.”

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