TIC Written Public Comment

07/08/2026 – 09/10/2026

MT Anaconda Connie Worl Self 07/08/2026 12:08 PM

Subject: PD5 – Prohibit distracted driving related to mobile phones

Comment: Dear Committee Members, My name is Connie Worl. My daughter, Chloe was killed by a distracted driver in 2021. She was 25 at the time. The driver was so distracted by her phone by texting and using social media, she took her eyes off the road crossed the rumble strips and drove in my daughter's lane for the length of a football field before hitting her head on. She never hit the breaks. Chloe's law is specifically written to address people who take their eyes off the road to answer a text message, or social media or look at their phone when hitting numbers to place a call. It does not ban the use of cell phones, CB radios, navigation systems, etc. It requires phones be used in a hands free manner. Push a button on your car stearing wheel and say, "Call my daughter ..." or hit a button on your steering wheel to answer a call instead of looking away from the road while fiddling with your phone. Instead of taking your eyes off the road to send a text, you just dictate a message.

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MT Helena Lynn Judd Self 08/17/2026 02:52 PM

Subject: improving transportation access for the developmentally disabled.

Comment: We have the Capital transit bus, and Uber to assist with transportation to work or other activities but Uber is expensive for this population and Capital transit service is limited in the sense that it offers little in the way of evening and weekend service. I think we need more services like Capital Transit. I have worked with the developmentally disabled for 30 plus years and many of the people I have worked with have run into problems getting to activities, particularly if they use a wheelchair. This is also true of many elderly people I know.

MT Helena John MacDonald Alliance For Automotive Innovation 09/07/2026 08:18 AM

Subject: Committee Bill on Distracted Driving (PD-05)

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MT Billings Charlie Staus Self 09/10/2026 01:24 PM

Subject: Opposition to Proposed Fuel Tax Increase and Inflation Indexing

Comment: I am a Billings resident, and I oppose this proposal, particularly the provision that would automatically index future fuel tax increases to inflation. I understand Montana has legitimate transportation funding needs, but Montana families are continually being asked to absorb higher taxes and fees while the cost of nearly everything else is increasing. Before raising the gas tax, I want to see every reasonable effort made to prioritize existing spending and demonstrate why additional taxes are necessary. I especially oppose tying future increases to inflation. Inflation already raises the cost of housing, groceries, insurance, fuel, and other necessities. It should not automatically raise our taxes too. If a future fuel tax increase is truly necessary, legislators should have to justify it publicly, debate it, and vote on it separately.

MT billings ron serpe Self 09/10/2026 01:58 PM

Subject: oppose fuel tax increase

Comment: referencing bill pd-02 gasoline fuel tax increase Raising taxes to the extent proposed cannot be expected to solve the issues at hand. The only thing higher taxes on fuel will promote is higher prices on any goods or services that are shipped over the road. The brunt of the higher taxes on gasoline therefore puts most of the burden on middle and lower classes. Those that are trying to eke out a living now cannot absorb a higher gas tax, thus wont drive, public transit, and cant afford the trickle down effect higher taxes have on the public.

The projection of fuel use and the response to how the public react to a tax increase are uncertain. These factors cannot be accurately figured due to the uncertainties in economies and federal regulations moving forward. It would be preposterous to accept a tax increase without a proposed government spending cuts.