



The Senate of West Virginia
Charleston

December 15, 2021

Patrick Morrisey
Attorney General
State Capitol Complex, Bldg. 1, Room E-26
1900 Kanawha Blvd. E.
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Attorney General Morrisey,

Over the past three months, a number of our constituents reached out to inquire about rapidly rising gasoline prices. In response, we looked into recent historical gasoline prices as compared to the price of oil. What we found was troubling.

In 2008, crude oil reached a high of \$145 per barrel when the average gasoline was around \$3.27 per gallon. In 2011, crude oil reached a high of \$113 per barrel when the average gasoline was around \$3.53 per gallon. This year, crude oil was \$67 per barrel while gasoline was around \$3.29.

Something doesn't add up. The price of oil isn't driving gasoline prices, so what is? We call on you to use the power of your Consumer Protection Division to get to the bottom of this and protect the people of West Virginia from price gouging.

We request that you report the findings and conclusions of your investigation to the Legislature and the public.

Sincerely,

Stephen Baldwin
Minority Leader, 10th
District

Bob Beach
13th District

Owens Brown
1st District

Mike Caputo
13th District

Hannah Geffert
16th District

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