

# **RESOLUTION OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NELSON COUNTY**

## **Resolution #19-001**

### **A Resolution from the Nelson County Republican Party concerning HB517 (the Fuel Tax bill) Co-Sponsored by Rep. Chad McCoy, to be delivered to the full Kentucky House of Representatives.**

**WHEREAS,** We the members of the County Committee are very concerned with the Kentucky House of Representatives seeking a fuel tax increase, and many other increases included in HB 517, and

**WHEREAS,** The County Committee has received input about this matter we have found that by a large majority the citizens of Nelson County are opposed to any new fuel tax as suggested in HB 517.

**WHEREAS,** We understand the need to maintain the Commonwealth's infrastructure, however, this tax is very burdensome to the citizens least able to pay the tax, the working class and the poor. It is suggested that you seek to reduce waste and excessive spending to fund these projects, as the citizenry is already taxed beyond their ability to pay, if this alternative cannot be accomplished, we urge you to find another method to fund the roads, something that is more equitable and affordable, and

**WHEREAS,** historically part of the Kentucky gasoline tax revenues have been diverted to non-transportation expenditures, and

**WHEREAS,** By some reports the residents of our commonwealth are already taxed at the 12th highest rate in the country and if this passes it has been suggested that we will be near the number 5 spot. As a lower than average wage state we cannot absorb more taxation upon the residents who are struggling to get by, and

**WHEREAS,** Representative McCoy just voted to eliminate the Kentucky Bank Franchise Tax which brought in up to \$100 million dollars a year, and now wants to make up that tax break to wealthy banks by putting the burden on small business and working people, and

**WHEREAS,** this bill which would increase the fuel tax, essentially being a move to increase the size and scope of government, redistribute income, and would violate the principles of our state and national Republican platforms;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that we reject any increase to the current state fuel tax, creating an additional tax burden on small businesses and working people of this state, and this Resolution of the Nelson County Republican Party be made part of the record of the beginning of the next session of the Kentucky House of Representatives by our Representative Chad McCoy.

**SO SAY US.**

ADOPTED, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2019 by Nelson County Republican County Committee present.