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Coalition Letter Urges Governor Newsom to Act on Diesel Prices

On October 7, CTA led a coalition of 37 other organizations in sending Governor Newsom a letter requesting immediate action to provide diesel fuel price relief. Signers include agricultural, retail, manufacturing, port, warehouse and trucking associations from across the state.

What the Letter Says

Diesel Prices - According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, California diesel averaged $8.25 per gallon the week of September 21, 2026, more than $3.26 higher than a year earlier.

Impact on the Economy - Nearly one-third of California's economy depends on goods movement. Rising diesel prices risk disrupting agriculture, construction and housing, retail, healthcare, manufacturing and more.

Precedent - In March 2022, when diesel peaked at $6.29 per gallon, the Administration and the Legislature temporarily paused collection of a portion of the state sales tax on diesel and the annual inflation adjustment to excise tax rates.

The Request - The coalition asks the Administration to work with legislative leadership to consider all available options. California cannot control international events, but it can act on the taxes, regulatory costs and supply constraints within its jurisdiction. The letter was copied to Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas and Senate President pro Tempore Monique Limón. **Read the Letter Here**

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Agricultural Council of California, Almond Alliance, California Agricultural Aircraft Association, California Apple Commission, California Association of Nurseries, California Blueberry Association, California Blueberry Commission, California Citrus Mutual, California Cotton Ginners and Growers Association, California Family Beer Distributors, California Forestry Association, California Fresh Fruit Association, California Fuels and Convenience Alliance, California Hotel + Lodging Association, California Manufacturers & Technology Association (CMTA), California Retailers Association, California Strawberry Commission, California Table Grape Commission, California Tomato Growers Association, California Tow Truck Association, **California Trucking Association**, California Walnut Commission, California Wild Rice Advisory Board, CAWA – Representing the Automotive Parts Industry, CREDA SoCal, Family Business Association of California, Forest Resource Association, Grower-Shipper Association of Central California, International Warehouse Logistics Association (IWLA), Olive Growers Council of California, Olive Oil Commission of California, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, Supply Chain Federation, UnitedAg, Western Growers Association, Western States Trucking Association and Western Tree Nut Association.

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