



May 21, 2026

The Honorable Frank J. Bisignano
Chief Executive Officer
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20224

Dear Mr. Bisignano,

As you know, gasoline prices have soared to record levels, and all indications are that prices will stay at that level or rise during the summer months and beyond. This is placing an especially hard burden on those who must drive their own vehicle to perform their official work duties, including many employees of the IRS, FDIC and other agencies of the federal government. The General Services Administration sets the federal government's mileage reimbursement rate. But that rate may not exceed the amount set by the IRS as the maximum rate allowed to be deducted as a business expense. I am writing to request the IRS make a mid-year adjustment to the mileage reimbursement rate.

While the standard business mileage rate is normally established by the IRS at the beginning of each calendar year, the IRS has made mid-year adjustments three times since 2000, most recently in 2022, when the average cost of fuel was \$3.72 and it raised the rate by four cents citing the surge in fuel prices. The average cost of fuel in January of 2026, when the current rate was set was \$2.81 as compared to \$4.56 today. The current conditions warrant such action.

This is a matter of fairness and basic equity for all Americans. Failing to increase the mileage reimbursement rate in response to rising fuel costs shifts unreimbursed business expenses onto employees and creates unnecessary financial strain for all workers who must rely on their cars to perform their jobs, including federal employees. Therefore, I urge you to take immediate action to implement a mid-year adjustment to the mileage reimbursement rate that accurately reflects current operating costs. I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doreen P. Greenwald". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Doreen P. Greenwald
National President