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Dear Mr. Dickey:

The Tax Reconciliation Bill passed yesterday, August 6, 1993 and scheduled to be signed into law by President Clinton Tuesday August 10, 1993 will ultimately be the most bitter pill The People of The United States has ever had to swallow ! ! ! !

Certainly our nation suffers great financial distress; but, the political prescription written yesterday by President Clinton and his political co-conspirators was not and will not be the end all prescription to end our national fiscal malady! What was accomplished yesterday can be likened to calling in Doctor Kevorkian with his euthanasia paraphernalia to assist in vast national financial suicide!

Mr. Dickey, let us take that portion of this bill that will effect us most immediately, the fuel tax, which will go into effect at the nation's fuel pumps October 1, 1993. It has been determined that the average American motorist drives approximately 12,200 miles per year. This will require the purchasing of approximately 435 gallons of fuel per year. This tax will add approximately \$18.75 per year, or .05133 cents per day for each motorist. At least this is the way our good president explained it to us in the many political spiels he made during his sales pitch for this bill. Was he being completely straightforeward and honest ? ? ? ?

Ask President Clinton whom will pay the added fuel cost of 4.3 cents per gallon incurred by the growers, the producers, the manufacturers, the jobbers, the wholesalers, the retailers and the distributors for the products, goods and services they provide to the consumers??? Will the business owners, the entrepreneurs or the shareholders of businesses absorb these added costs, or will they pass them on to the consumers, of whom the vast majority are welfare recipients, working poor and the middle class of our nation's people. Many of whom do not own vehicles and do not even make direct fuel purchases. Now ask President Clinton how much it will cost each American per day as a result of his fuel tax portion of The Tax Reconciliation Bill!

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Mr. Dickey, ask President Clinton how much more it will cost The Desert Sun per day for the added cost his newly established fuel tax will mandate? Ask President Clinton to estimate how much more cost it will add to the cost of newsprint and to all of the other supplies that are necessary pursuant to putting your newspaper in the hands of your readers, including the cost that will be added for distribution. Ask President Clinton if you are expected to absorb these additional costs, or shall they be passed on to your readers; the bulk of whom are welfare recipients, the working poor and the middle class? If you increase advertising rates to your advertisers, will they not also increase the price of their product, their goods and their services to the consumers whom are also welfare recipients, working poor and the middle class? Will you not also find it necessary to raise the street and the subscription price of your newspaper? And who will pay this increase? You guessed it; "WELFARE RECIPIENTS, THE WORKING POOR AND THE MIDDLE CLASS!"

Ask President Clinton how much his fuel tax will add to the price of a loaf bread, your children's milk, your baby's Pablum or it's formula? Ask President Clinton how much more it will cost the home builder as well as the buyer for a home, an automobile, a prescription for medicine, new eye glasses or lumber and nails to make repairs on his home? Will the providers and producers of these products and services absorb his fuel tax, or will they be passed on to welfare recipients, the working poor and the middle class by way of higher prices? Mr. Dickey, not only will the fuel tax be passed on to the consumer, it will become a part or portion of businesses investment and business will expect to add his profit percentage accordingly which will even further increase the cost to, you guessed it, the welfare recipients, the working poor and the middle class. And Mr. Dickey, these cost increases will apply to every item, every article man uses in the pursuit of living, even the words men use and write, for it takes transportation in one form or another and transportation means fuel and fuel translates into fuel tax!

Mr. Dickey I have chosen to discuss or attack only The Fuel Tax portion of President Clinton's Tax Reconciliation Bill. This is only a small portion or part of the entire bill. Other portions or parts of the bill will be even more devastating to our welfare recipients, our working poor and our middle class. And this is only the beginning, think seriously of the tax and the financial burdens that will be put upon all of us as soon as President Hillary Rodham Clinton's National Health Plan and The N.A.F.T.A. Agreement becomes the law of the land!

Mr. Dickey, if you think the hillside cardboard shacks you see as you cross the international border into Mexico are a blight, an ulcer or a cancer on the land, where the people become forgotten as they try to eke out their existence, then maybe you can envision what our political leaders are foisting upon the people of The United States, what we are even now on the brink of becoming, surely it is not difficult to see that we have commenced our trip down the path toward becoming another third world country economically. There is no way to avoid it if we continue to select the sort of political leaders we have selected over the past forty years.

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Mr. Dickey it is like I said to you in my letter of August 5th. I am not the most eloquent of writers! But if what our nation and what our flag has stood for these past two hundred or more years. if the lives of former patriots who developed this nation. if the lives of the countless thousands of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen, National Guardsmen, Coast Guardsmen and others whom have given their limbs, their eyesight and there lives to protect and defend what our forefathers envisioned and gave birth to, and passed on to us, has more meaning to you than the bottom line of The Desert Sun's financial report, then I think and I believe you will search out an editorial writer who can do more justice to my message than I am capable of!

Respectfully,
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August 8, 1993

**Clinton:
We're on
our way**

Please ask President Clinton, "ON OUR WAY TO WHERE MR. PRESIDENT?"

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