

## THE ASSEMBLY STATE OF NEW YORK ALBANY

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Hon. Barbara Underwood NYS Attorney General The Capitol Albany, NY 12224-0341

Dear Attorney General Underwood:

I am writing this letter regarding the continued level of frustration felt by my constituents' with the drastic fluctuation in the price of gas from county to county.

I have written several letters to your predecessor on this issue to no avail. I am fully aware that zone pricing is prohibited by General Business Law 399-ee but I also know that there are several flaws in the statute that precludes effective enforcement. The district I represent consists of Genesee and Orleans Counties, the Towns of Clarkson, Hamlin, Riga and Sweden in Monroe County. In most instances Genesee and Orleans County gas prices range much higher than the surrounding counties. I have seen first hand the pricing at gas stations in these counties priced \$.15-\$.25 more per gallon than the various stations located in the surrounding contiguous counties: Erie and Monroe. I know there are many variables which determine the price per gallon of gas but it seems to me that the price should not significantly differ from county to county.

I would appreciate your timely review and full investigation of this matter as well as any action that may be taken to bring this issue to a resolution. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions (585)589-5780.

Sincerely,

Member of Assembly

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CC: NYS Attorney General-Elect Letitia James