Raising gas tax unfair

Charging a regressive gas tax, primarily paid by the public, is unfair ("Some eager to raise gas taxes, catch up on repairs," Jan. 26). It forces the public to pay for road damage mostly caused by business vehicles.

Instead of raising gasoline taxes on everyone, raise the tax on truck fuels high enough to cover repair costs, whether the trucks use diesel or liquid natural gas. Fairness means businesses that profit from using a shared resource pay for using the resource instead of foisting their costs on the public.

This same logic underlies carbon tax proposals. Congress should charge fossil fuel companies for the harmful emissions their products send into our air, a shared resource. If they pay a carbon tax, and the carbon tax is rebated back to the public, we'll be compensated for the harm their emissions do to our health, food supply and climate.

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