



June 6, 2022

**VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL**

The Honorable Charles P. Rettig  
Commissioner  
Internal Revenue Service  
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Room 3000IR  
Washington, DC 20224

Dear Commissioner Rettig:

As you know, gasoline prices are reaching record levels and are expected to continue to rise or remain high during the summer months and beyond. This is placing an especially serious burden on those who must drive to perform their work duties, including many employees of the IRS and other agencies of the federal government. The federal government's mileage reimbursement rate matches the amount set by the IRS as the maximum rate allowed to be deducted as a business expense.

While it is the IRS's typical practice to set this rate effective at the beginning of the year for the entire calendar year, on past occasions when there have been significant rises in gas prices, the IRS has made a mid-year adjustment. Given the current situation, I urge you to make a mid-year adjustment to the mileage reimbursement rate this year to reflect the actual costs an employee will pay to operate their privately owned vehicle while traveling to perform official business. This would save federal employees from having to pay out of their own pocket for the increased travel expenses incurred in their duties as IRS revenue agents and officers, FDIC bank examiners or other federal occupations that require frequent and even daily travel while on the job. It would also do the same for many private sector employees.

I would be happy to discuss this with you at your convenience. I hope you will do whatever you can to see that all Americans who must depend on their cars to perform their jobs get some relief, including those who work for the federal government.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony M. Reardon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Anthony M. Reardon  
National President