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Monday, August 2, 2021

The Honorable Thom Tillis  
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Delivered via email:  
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Dear Senator Tillis:

I understand the importance of good infrastructure and I support better infrastructure but not if it also hits working families with a new tax hike at the same time. If news reports are correct, there might a bipartisan agreement on infrastructure announced any day now. I'm writing to ask you to not pay for any infrastructure deal through more of a tax burden on consumers. From what I understand, both the infrastructure and President Biden Administration's 2022 budget proposals would reinstate Superfund chemical excise taxes that expired in 1995. I strongly oppose these proposals.

These Superfund excise taxes would be reinstated on 42 chemicals. But that means the cost of paying for these taxes would likely be passed along to the customers who purchase them. These chemicals are basic building blocks for chemistries used in light vehicles, building and construction business equipment, water delivery and purification, and many other products. So, it's basically a new tax on job creators and consumers.

Additionally, these taxes hurt American's ability to be competitive in the international marketplace. We're already at a big disadvantage because, in my opinion, we play by the rules while a lot of other governments don't. But a lot of these products I discussed above face intense foreign competition and slim margins. The reinstated taxes could offset any economic return on sales to current producers, meaning our American producers in these segments would be non-competitive in the global market.

Please don't tax us more than we already are.  
Sincerely,

Sammy Hinson, Chairman  
Columbus County Republican Party