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Dear Executives:

I write on behalf of Illinois residents and businesses to demand answers about what appears to be profiteering by your companies in a time of war for the United States. Each of your businesses has reported recent record profits while families across my state and the nation face sharply higher prices at the pump.

Since President Donald Trump started the war with Iran, the price of regular gasoline in Illinois has risen by more than \$1.30 per gallon, averaging \$4.34 per gallon across the state and costing Illinois residents an additional \$2 billion so far. During the same period, your companies reported record-setting profits, which in some cases were more than double the profit you earned during the same time last year.

Under the guise of supply disruptions from war in the Middle East, your companies are collecting windfall profits from the hardworking families and businesses in Illinois. That's the very definition of profiteering, and you owe it to the people of my state and the nation to disgorge those excess profits and provide meaningful price relief to consumers.

I request that you commit to providing the following no later than Friday, August 21, 2026:

1. **Commit to returning windfall profits to consumers.** State whether your company is prepared to return any portion of its wartime windfall to consumers in Illinois via price reductions at the pump, direct refunds, or other means. If not, explain why.
2. **Provide transparency around pricing and margins in Illinois.** For gasoline and diesel fuel sold in our state from February 27, 2026 to August 5, 2026, provide your company's refining margins, wholesale pricing decisions, and retail pass-through practices.
3. **Detail information on Illinois operations.** For the same war period noted above, provide operational information for the refinery, including throughput, product mix, and gross margin per barrel refined. Also, outline operational decisions that affected the volume of gasoline and diesel fuel available to consumers.
4. **Share information on executive compensation.** Show that your senior leadership has not unfairly benefited from profiteering by providing the total compensation of the company's five most highly compensated executives for calendar years 2024 and 2025, as well as any awarded in 2026. Identify any metrics that reward executives for company earnings generated during the period.

At a moment when Illinois working families continue to feel the burden of higher costs, you face a clear choice — help ease the burden for families or exploit the conflict to generate windfall profits.

In Illinois, I am fighting to lower costs and help Illinois families struggling to afford the gasoline that your companies are price gouging just so they can get to their jobs. I am calling on you to step up and provide relief to your customers and transparency on how this war is boosting your profits and pricing.

Illinoisans have a right to know how your companies are profiting from this conflict, how much of those outsized profits Illinois families are being made to pay, and what steps you will now take to provide them with relief at the pump.

I look forward to your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JB Pritzker', written in a cursive, stylized script.

JB Pritzker
Governor of Illinois