



**MEMORANDUM  
31 JULY 2018**

---

**ATTENTION: MINISTER OF FINANCE, HON. NHLANHLA NENE MP**

**CALL FOR NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE THE RAF AND GENERAL FUEL LEVIES BY  
R1 PER LITRE**

National government's fuel tax is an attack on South Africa that is squeezing citizens dry. This increase in the fuel levy is nothing more than a corruption levy.

On top of a one percentage point increase in VAT to 15%, increases in Income Tax, increases in "sin tax" and an increase in sugar tax, South Africans have been whacked with four fuel price increases for four months in a row. In April, May, June, this month and another increase set for next month.

The innocent casualties of this financial onslaught will always be the most poor and vulnerable South Africans because a majority of their meagre income goes towards food and transport. As the direct increase in the cost of transport and indirect rise in the price of food is most severely absorbed by the poor.

The Freedom Movement therefore calls on the national government to urgently shield ordinary South Africans from the devastating consequences of the fuel price increases by:

1. Reducing the RAF and general fuel levies by R1 per litre which will enable the price of petrol to be brought to below R15 per litre;
2. Tabling an urgent debate in Parliament to consider the current structure of the RAF and General Fuel Levies, and how these can be altered to offer relief to ordinary South Africans; and
3. Placing the RAF under independent and external administration in order to eradicate corruption, install competent and independent leadership, and begin the process of tackling its R160 billion backlog in unpaid claims.

It is grossly irresponsible and unfair for the national government to expect that poor and unemployed South Africans will continue to foot the bill for their wholesale mismanagement of the economy. Levies currently account for R5,30 of every litre of 95 octane petrol or R265 of every 50L tank of fuel which when one factors in the staggering mismanagement and systemic corruption at the RAF, is indefensible.

Today is an opportunity for the national government to stand on the side of ordinary South Africans by reducing the fuel levies and lowering the price of fuel by R1.

Submitted by:

Received by:

---

Mmusi Maimane, MP  
**On behalf of the Freedom Movement**

---

Representative of the Ministry of Finance  
**on behalf of Hon. Nhlanhla Nene MP**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_