

VOTERS RE-ELECT STATE LAWMAKERS WHO SUPPORTED GAS TAX INCREASES, NEW ANALYSIS FINDS

Voters in 12 states re-elected 93 percent of 530 state lawmakers who supported a gas tax increase between 2015 and 2018 and ran for re-election in 2018. Winning state lawmakers in Nov. 6 races included 92 percent of Republicans, and 94 percent of Democrats, according to a new analysis from the American Road & Transportation Builders Association's Transportation Investment Advocacy Center™ (ARTBA-TIAC).

The results are consistent with those from the last five years that show support for a gas tax increase does not hurt political careers. Including 2018, voters have re-elected 92 percent of nearly 1,900 state lawmakers who voted in favor of a gas tax increase since 2013. This support for lawmakers who approve a gas tax increase persists across party lines as well—over 90 percent of Democrats and 94 percent of Republicans were re-elected.

Ninety percent of 211 state legislators who voted against a gas tax increase and ran for re-election in 2018 won their races, including 88 percent of Republicans and 96 percent of Democrats.

Of the 923 elected officials who voted against a gas tax increase between 2013 and 2018 and ran for re-election, 92 percent were also given another term.

A comprehensive report and an interactive map showing the state-by-state results can be found at www.transportationinvestment.org.

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CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 1, 2017

Of 58 lawmakers who supported transportation investment and ran for re-election, 95% were returned to office.

"Yes" voters by party

0% of the 0 Republicans
95% of the 58 Democrats

"No" voters by party

96% of the 27 Republicans
100% of the 1 Democrats



INDIANA HOUSE BILL 1002, 2017

Of 68 lawmakers who supported transportation investment and ran for re-election, 94% were returned to office.

"Yes" voters by party

94% of the 62 Republicans
100% of the 6 Democrats

"No" voters by party

100% of the 10 Republicans
95% of the 20 Democrats



IOWA SENATE FILE 257, 2015

Of 45 lawmakers who supported transportation investment and ran for re-election, 98% were returned to office.

"Yes" voters by party

100% of the 21 Republicans
96% of the 24 Democrats

"No" voters by party

78% of the 18 Republicans
100% of the 14 Democrats



MICHIGAN HOUSE BILL 4738, 2015

Of 6 lawmakers who supported transportation investment and ran for re-election, 83% were returned to office.

"Yes" voters by party

83% of the 6 Republicans
0% of the 0 Democrats

"No" voters by party

0% of the 0 Republicans
50% of the 2 Democrats



MONTANA HOUSE BILL 473, 2017

Of 43 lawmakers who supported transportation investment and ran for re-election, 98% were returned to office.

"Yes" voters by party

93% of the 15 Republicans
100% of the 28 Democrats

"No" voters by party

95% of the 37 Republicans
0% of the 0 Democrats



NEBRASKA LEGISLATIVE BILL 610, 2015

Of 10 lawmakers who supported transportation investment and ran for re-election, 100% were returned to office.

"Yes" voters by party

100% of the 7 Republicans
100% of the 3 Democrats

"No" voters by party

50% of the 4 Republicans
0% of the 0 Democrats



OKLAHOMA HOUSE BILL 1010Xx, 2018

Of 69 lawmakers who supported transportation investment and ran for re-election, 87% were returned to office.

"Yes" voters by party

88% of the 48 Republicans
86% of the 21 Democrats

"No" voters by party

38% of the 13 Republicans
100% of the 1 Democrats



OREGON HOUSE BILL 2017, 2017

Of 41 lawmakers who supported transportation investment and ran for re-election, 95% were returned to office.

"Yes" voters by party

83% of the 6 Republicans
97% of the 35 Democrats

"No" voters by party

92% of the 12 Republicans
100% of the 6 Democrats



SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE BILL 3516, 2017

Of 83 lawmakers who supported transportation investment and ran for re-election, 92% were returned to office.

"Yes" voters by party

93% of the 45 Republicans
89% of the 38 Democrats

"No" voters by party

100% of the 15 Republicans
0% of the 0 Democrats



TENNESSEE HOUSE BILL 534, 2017

Of 62 lawmakers who supported transportation investment and ran for re-election, 90% were returned to office.

"Yes" voters by party

93% of the 43 Republicans
84% of the 19 Democrats

"No" voters by party

86% of the 14 Republicans
100% of the 2 Democrats



UTAH HOUSE BILL 362, 2015

Of 31 lawmakers who supported transportation investment and ran for re-election, 97% were returned to office.

"Yes" voters by party

95% of the 21 Republicans
100% of the 10 Democrats

"No" voters by party

100% of the 12 Republicans
100% of the 2 Democrats



WASHINGTON SENATE BILL 5987, 2015

Of 14 lawmakers who supported transportation investment and ran for re-election, 86% were returned to office.

"Yes" voters by party

80% of the 5 Republicans
89% of the 9 Democrats

"No" voters by party

100% of the 1 Republicans
0% of the 0 Democrats

