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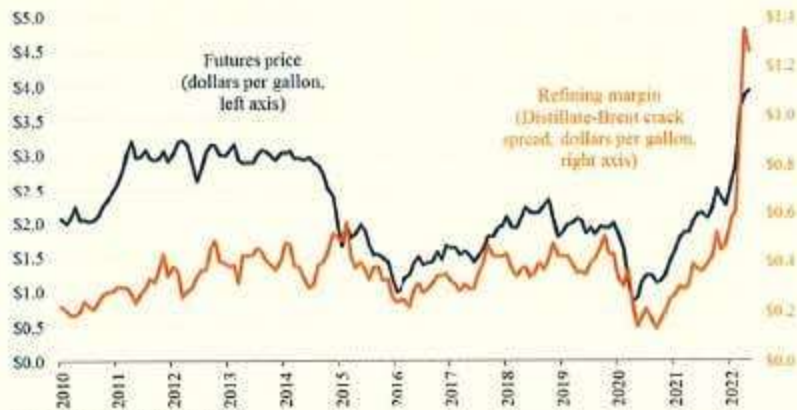
Dear Mr. Woods:

I am writing to you about the high prices our fellow Americans are paying at the pump, and how we can all play a part in addressing them. Since the beginning of this year, gasoline prices have increased by more than \$1.70 per gallon.

Vladimir Putin's war of aggression, and the bipartisan and global effort to counter it, has disrupted the global supply of oil and driven up the global price. But the sharp rise in gasoline prices is not driven only by rising oil prices, but by an unprecedented disconnect between the price of oil and the price of gas. The last time the price of crude oil was about \$120 per barrel, in March, the price of gas at the pump was \$4.25 per gallon. Today, gas prices are 75 cents higher, and diesel prices are 90 cents higher.

That difference -- of more than 15% at the pump -- is the result of the historically high profit margins for refining oil into gasoline, diesel and other refined products. Since the beginning of the year, refiners' margins for refining gasoline and diesel have tripled, and are currently at their highest levels ever recorded.

Wholesale diesel prices and refiner margins



Notes and Sources: Data from EIA