

**common cause**

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Dear Representative:

Common Cause supports the override of President Ford's veto of S. 1849, which extends for six months the now expired oil price controls and allocation system.

If the Senate votes to override this Wednesday as expected, the House will vote immediately thereafter. If you and all your fellow members who voted for S. 1849 are consistent and vote to override, the veto will fail.

Continuation of oil price controls, until a comprehensive energy program and an equitable windfall profits tax are passed, is a necessity to prevent a giveaway to the oil companies.

We are still in an energy mess. Congress has yet to do anything meaningful to cut back consumption. Imports are not going down. The six-month extension is needed to give Congress time to come out of its paralysis and make a fresh start.

Sincerely,

John W. Gardner