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The Honorable Harley O. Staggers
Chairman, Committee on Interstate
and Foreign Commerce
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Chairman:

I understand that our Union's Legislative Representative, Arnold Mayer, spoke with you on Thursday, December 6, to discuss our Union's concern with an amendment to the Emergency Energy Act adopted by the Committee. This is the provision which would waive the anti-trust laws, so that retail and service establishments could jointly decide on their operating hours. This letter is aimed at formally expressing our Union's fears about this amendment.

Even though the interests of consumers and employees would be greatly affected by this far-reaching waiver of the anti-trust laws, they would have no rights. The amendment makes references to their being allowed to attend meetings and permitted to present views, but this is window dressing. There is no requirement that all meetings be open to consumers, employees or their representatives; that the meetings be announced in a timely and conspicuous fashion and that consumers, employees or their representatives are afforded the rights of full participation.

This amendment provides inordinately huge powers to retail and service companies even if it is used for the purposes of the Act. The amendment would also provide opportunities for dangerous abuse.



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We are strongly opposed to the amendment in its present form.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,



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Executive Officer

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