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The Honorable Harley O. Staggers
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Congressman *Staggers*

Your personal efforts in assuring the adoption of an amendment to H.R. 11450 which would grant priority treatment for mining under the Emergency Petroleum Allocation Act of 1973, have been of great service not only to the mining industry, but to the people of this nation, who as ultimate consumers of the products of the mines and the energy created therefrom will benefit from your sagacious and constructive action.

Thanks for your help.

With warmest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Allen

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Hand Delivered —

Dear Mr. Chairman:

With further reference to my conversation with you this afternoon, as we discussed, the Senate adopted an amendment to S.2589, the National Energy Emergency Act of 1973, which will be before your Committee; that states in general:

The President is authorized to allocate residual fuel oil and refined petroleum products in such amounts and in such manner as may be necessary for the maintenance of exploration for, and production or extraction and processing of, minerals, and for required transportation related thereto.

Needless to say, the mining industry now finds it extremely difficult to maintain current capacity because of the critical shortages of the supplies necessary to do the job of supplying the mineral needs of the nation. For example, the current supply shortages of roof bolts, diesel oil, ammonium nitrate, electrical cable, and certain machinery and replacement parts are of such an order of magnitude as to threaten imminent shutdown of much of the mining industry.

In the Conference Report on S.1570 authored by you there is a provision set forth on page 3 which provides for a mandatory "allocation":

(g) allocation of residual fuel oil and refined petroleum products in such amounts and in such manner as may be necessary for the maintenance of exploration for, and production or extraction of, fuels and for required transportation related thereto;

continued. . . .

11/27/73 HOS talked by phone with William Powell. Copy of this letter taken to Curtis.

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Therefore, we respectfully request that you amend your bill, H.R. 11450, so as to provide for a priority treatment in mining of all minerals similar to the Senate amendment set forth above which would provide for the allocation of residual fuel oil and refined petroleum products in such amounts and in such manner as may be necessary for the maintenance of exploration for, and production, processing and extraction of minerals, and for required transportation related thereto.

We consider this provision of vital importance to the entire mining industry, as well as the welfare of our nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William I. Powell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized initial "W".

William I. Powell
Solicitor