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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

January 14, 1974

Mrs. Elsie B. Chittum
313 East Second Street
Weston, West Virginia 26452

Dear Mrs. Chittum:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date. I appreciate your writing me relative to the present "energy crisis."

From your communication, it is certainly good to have the benefit of your views concerning the gasoline rationing recommendations.

As you know, of course, the House and Senate did take action on the Energy Emergency Act during the last days of the First Session. In all probability, it will be one of the first items to be considered when the Second Session of the 93rd Congress convenes next week. You may be assured I will continue my efforts toward the passage of fair and equitable legislation for all.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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313 East Second Street
Weston, West Virginia 26452
December 28, 1973

Hon. Harley Staggers
Member House of Representatives
Room 2366, Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Sir:

It is my belief that gasoline rationing in some form is necessary and desirable; however, the standby gasoline rationing program as presently contemplated according to the news media is grossly unfair. The program should take into consideration cars not drivers.

To my own knowledge, we have in this town many families with one car but over the years each member of the family has learned to drive and received a driver's license.

One family with one car but perhaps 4 or 5 drivers in the family could end up receiving 32 or 40 gallons of gas weekly while another family with one car and only one driver would receive approximately 8 gallons of gas per week. This is inequity in its worst form.

Under the program contemplated I can envision an unprecedented number of people obtaining drivers' licenses merely for the gas coupons and rendering the entire program completely useless.

Yours very truly,

Elsie B. Chittum

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(Mrs. William F. Chittum)