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

December 18, 1973

Mr. Clyde W. Ridenour  
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Local Union No. 379  
13 South High Street - Room 305  
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Dear Clyde:

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

From your communication, I have noted with much interest your opposition to any recommendations to ration or increase the tax on gasoline.

As you no doubt know, the "Energy Emergency Act" was passed by the House last week and is presently being considered by a joint Conference Committee. You may be assured we are doing our very best toward the passage of equitable legislation for the benefit of all.

Again, thanking you for writing and with best wishes to you and the members of your fine organization, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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Honorable Harley O. Staggers  
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Dear Honorable Staggers:

*Dear Clyde*

I am writing you in regards to the energy crisis which I am quite sure you are aware of. Being a Representative of construction unions, this concerns us very greatly since most of our members have to travel a great distance and would burn considerable gasoline whether it is rationed or the taxes are imposed on it.

Either one of these would probably cause our members either not to be able to get to work because they received not enough gas or if the gas price is allowed to go to high, they will be unable to purchase it and yet make enough money to support their families.

I would appreciate your doing everything possible to keep either of these situations from happening because if this does happen, I feel that there are a number of members who will feel that the people on Welfare are much better off than those that are working and paying the tax to support those on welfare.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

*Clyde W. Ridenour*

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