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**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D.C. 20515**

December 17, 1973

Mr. G. David Cooper  
P. O. Box 409  
Shepherdstown, West Virginia 25443

Dear Mr. Cooper:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date. I appreciate your writing me and want to assure you of my desire to be of service whenever possible.

From your communication, I have noted with much interest your comments relative to the present "energy crisis" and especially your opposition to any gasoline rationing recommendations.

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 kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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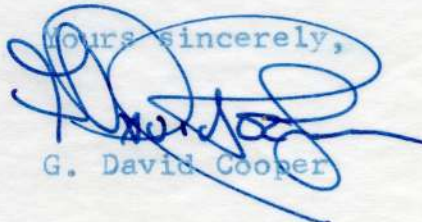
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The Honorable Harley O. Staggers  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Staggers:

I am writing to express the strongest possible opposition to gasoline rationing recommendations of the President's advisory board, which would allot an arbitrary 10 gallons per week without consideration of the distance each individual must travel to work. It seems obvious that the only possible justification for the expense, hardship, and inherent problems of bureaucratic expansion would be an unquestioned need of rationing to protect jobs. The plan referred to above would allow many urbanites to use much of their allotment for pleasure driving while the fringe commuter would lack the minimum of fuel necessary to retain his job. The additional suggestion that those fortunate enough to live near their place of employment might exploit the misery and despair of commuters whose lives and livelihood are being destroyed by reselling unneeded coupons is morally repellent.

It appears those charged with responsibility for solutions to the fuel shortage have selected from various alternatives the most corrupt and vicious possibility for endorsement. I intend to resist their proposal by all means available and vote exclusively on this issue in all forthcoming elections. I urge you to protect the interests of all workingmen in West Virginia locked into long commuting schedules by opposing any gasoline rationing plan which does not give first priority to necessary driving to maintain employment and assign the lowest priority to pleasure driving.

Yours sincerely,  
  
G. David Cooper