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

February 14, 1974

Dr. C. M. Stallard
President
Fayette County Court
Fayetteville, West Virginia 25840

Dear Doctor:

Thank you very much for sending me copy of the resolution adopted by the Fayette County Court recently.

You and yours may be assured I, too, am extremely concerned with the "energy emergency" legislation. As you no doubt know, I am serving as one of the conferees on this legislation. In fact, the House version was approved during the final days of the first session of Congress in December. It was one of the first items of business to come before the Senate in January.

January 29, 1974, the Senate voted against the pending "Energy Emergency Act" following a letter from President Nixon to Senator Hugh Scott, a copy of which is attached and is explanatory.

According to the latest report, the Senate is to consider this legislation next week.

Again, thank you so much for the benefit of your comments. I also agree wholeheartedly with your resolution with reference to "windfall profits" and have taken this position during all of the debate.

Assuring you and yours of my continued interest and cooperation, and with kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, there has developed in this county a fuel shortage that has caused the federal and state governments to enter upon programs of fuel allocations, reduced highway speed limits, encourage reduced heat level of occupied buildings, restricted sale of gasoline, and other highway user fuels on Sundays, encourage voluntarily reduction of vehicle use, and cause the development of a standby gasoline rationing program; and,

WHEREAS, a very visible evidence of the fuel shortage is the reduction in the amount of available heating fuels and gasoline as well as a continuing upward price spiral which falls most heavily upon those who need fuel for the heating of their homes and transportation to and from their places of employment; and,

WHEREAS, there appears to be no practical mechanism for preventing oil and gas companies from making windfall profits from these increased prices which contributes to the inequality of sacrifice necessitated by the energy crisis; and,

WHEREAS, these matters are of vital concern to the County of Fayette and other counties in the State of West Virginia, and the West Virginia Congressional Delegation, all of which should be greatly concerned in determining the true facts in relation thereto and developing solutions for the immediate and long term problem.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COURT OF FAYETTE COUNTY, that it go on record recognizing the gravity of the present crisis and the urgency of finding solutions therefor as well as soliciting the cooperation of other units of local

government within the State and the State's Congressional Delegation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our Congressional Delegation insist that a factual determination be made on the federal level as to the cause, magnitude, and solution to the problem.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our Congressional Delegation be urged to assist in the enactment of legislation which would prevent windfall profits arising from the present energy crisis from accruing to so few when so many are grievously hurt by it.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Jennings Randolph, Senator Robert C Byrd, Congressman John M Slack, Jr., Congressman Ken Hechler, Congressman Robert H Mollohan, Congressman Harley Staggers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the West Virginia Association of County Officials with the request that it be circulated among the officials of the various counties with the hope that they will join in this common effort to resolve the problem.

ADOPTED this 15th day of January, 1974. *C.M. Stallard*

C.M. Stallard
PRESIDENT

Miss Clara Neely Jones
County Clerk

Layette County Court
Layetteville, W. Va.
25840