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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Mr. & Mrs. Wilmer G. George
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. George:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date advising of your opposition to any increase of Federal tax on gasoline,

I deeply appreciate hearing from you, and I agree wholeheartedly with your views.

As you may 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 legislation equitable for the benefit of all.

With very best wishes to you and yours for a Happy Holiday Season, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Congressman Harley O. Staggers

Dear Sir,

We the American people know we are faced with a energy crisis. But I think it would be unfair to the middle class people on down to the poor. Because if congress puts a tax or surtax on gasoline, and the prices ^{rise} ~~raise~~, a lot of these people won't be able to get to work. And if they can't work, they will have to get help on welfare. If gasoline raises to 70¢ or more these people won't be able to buy it, even if it is rationed. Only the wealthy will be able to buy the gas. And these people don't have to rake and scrap for every penny they get. And it sure these people travel a lot more than the lower class people do.

I know we won't be able to buy gas if it gets much higher, and my husband will be forced to quit work. Then we may have to go on welfare. I know we would rather work for our livelihood.

A lot of poor, old, and sick people will not be able to go to their doctors for medical help.

I think we can take rationing gas, if ^{the} price doesn't go much higher. Rationing gas will cut a lot

needless driving out. If a lot of people
are forced to quit working, it is going to
be hard on every one even the government.
We are for Paloning if it done equal for all.

Thank You for reading my plea.

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