INTERSTATE: NATURAL GAS - PETROLEUM EMERGENCY

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

March 11, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Glass 105 South Gate Road Elkins, West Virginia 26241

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Class:

This will acknowledge your letter of recent date. I appreciate your writing me and note with much interest your comments with reference to the gasoline situation in Randolph County and other sections of our State.

Needless to say, the "fuel crisis" is and has been of extreme concern to me as well. In fact, almost daily I have been in contact with the Federal and State energy officials urging that action be taken to alleviate the situation.

As you no doubt know, S. 2589, the Energy Emergency Act, was recently passed by the Congress. However, last week the measure was vetoed by the President; and the veto was sustained in the Senate.

I am still hopeful that energy legislation will be enacted to help solve this great problem facing West Virginia and the Nation, and you may depend on my continued efforts and support.

With best wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

February 8, 1974

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Hon. Harley Staggers Capitol Building Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Staggers;

I am writing to you with the hope that you will be able to help us. I am sure you have many problems and that you are a very busy person but know you will take time to listen to our plight and complaints.

As you know, here in the fine state of West Virginia, we are isolated without any mass transportation such as the buses, commuter trains etc. that the bigger cities have. We therefore, need a <u>larger</u> allocation of gasoline for this particular area (Randolph Co.) as we must drive our cars to and from work each day in order to earn our living.

As you have heard, we have long, long, long lines of cars lined up at the gasoline stations, very early and late. I heard about one person who placed their auto at the gas pumps at three o'clock in the morning in order to be the first one to get gasoline the next morning when they started to sell. It has been very bad this past week.

If it is necessary to ration gasoline, then it should be done and let everyone have only his fair share of the available gasoline. Time does not permit people who work from 8:30 A.M. until 4:30 P.M. to sit for a half day at the gas station who sells gas only of a morning.

We hope that you will use your influence and obtain a larger allocation of gasoline for this area. Thank you for your time and courtesy.

Sincerely yours, James W. Slass Lotter Canne Placo

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