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Honorable Harley O. Staggers, Chairman  
House Committee on Interstate and Foreign  
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Dear Harley:

Mr. J. Allen Overton, Jr., President of the American Mining Congress, has discussed with me the need for an amendment to your bill, H.R.11450, the National Energy Emergency Act, which would authorize priority treatment to the minerals producing industry in the allocation of fuel and refined petroleum products. I agree with Mr. Overton that this amendment is needed. As you probably know, it was adopted by the Senate in its consideration of S. 1570.

The mining industry not only supplies critically needed energy fuels but also provides those metals which are basic to all industry, as well as minerals such as phosphate, potash, and sulfur which are necessary for food production.

I hope that in the mark-up of H. R. 11450 your Committee will consider language along the lines of the provision in the Senate bill which directs the President to authorize allocation of residual fuel oil and refined petroleum products in such amounts and in such manner as may be necessary for the maintenance of exploration for, and production or extraction and processing of, minerals, and for required transportation related thereto.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

*Jim*  
JAMES A. HALEY  
Chairman