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

December 19, 1973

Mr. Verland Harvey  
Box 152  
Berkeley Springs, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Harvey:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date. I appreciate your taking the time to write me and note with much interest your comments relative to our present "energy crisis."

It is good to have the benefit of your views, and I certainly share your concern with the effect of this crisis on our Nation's economic situation. Many others have also expressed similar feelings.

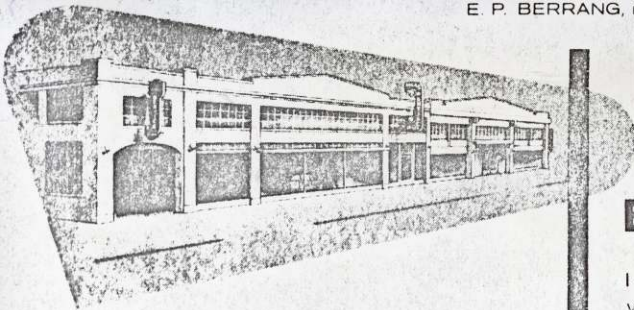
As you know, the House did pass the "Energy Emergency Act" last week, and this is presently being considered by a joint Conference Committee. You may be assured we are doing our very best toward the passage of equitable legislation for the benefit of all.

Again, thanking you for writing and with best wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS





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Hon. H. O. Staggers  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Staggers:

Continued uncertainty about the energy situation, and what the government is doing to solve it, is rapidly moving the country toward a serious recession and economic crisis. Public speculation by government officials about possible controls or other restrictive acts are extremely harmful.

Nowhere is this being more keenly felt than in the automobile industry. Since nearly one of every six people have jobs related to the automobile, immediate positive action is necessary to prevent a chaotic disruption of the entire economy.

As a first step, I urge the Administration and Congress to level with the American people, to tell them the facts of the energy crisis and to spell out the tough mandatory fuel allocation and conservation programs that must be implemented.

Further, I urge that Congress declare a moratorium on automobile emission control devices for the duration of the energy emergency. Suspension of these controls will enable us to achieve greater fuel efficiency while it is so desperately needed.

My own place of employment is suffering badly. Myself and many fellow employees are wondering about their jobs. Many of our regular customers are losing their equity in the cars that they now own.

I know this country can and must have both an economy and ecology. Right now, realities demand that the economy be given first priority.

I implore you to give it your most urgent consideration.

Sincerely,

*Verland Harvey*  
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Berkeley Springs W. Va.



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