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Dear Mr. Spencer:

Thank you very much for your Mailgram of recent date. It is certainly good hearing from you on behalf of the senior citizens in Morgantown and Fairmont.

You may be assured the "fuel crisis" is and has been of deep concern to me for quite some time. I am well aware of the gasoline situation in your area and other sections of our Nation.

In fact, almost daily I have been in contact with the Federal Energy officials here in Washington, the Regional Office in Philadelphia, and the West Virginia Office in Charleston urging that action be taken to alleviate the situation.

As you perhaps know, last week the House was successful in passing the Conference Report to accompany S. 2589, the Emergency Energy Act. I was happy to have supported this legislation and will certainly continue doing all I can to be helpful.

Again, thanking you for writing and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours.

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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IN MY WORK TODAY I MET TWO CLUSTERS OF SENIOR CITIZENS IN MORGANTOWN AND FAIRMOUNT SOME OF THEM WERE NOT PHYSICALLY ABLE TO SIT IN CARS FOR LONG HOURS TO WAIT FOR TWO OR THREE DOLLARS WORTH OF GASOLINE, SOME REPORTED DIFFICULTIES OF FRIENDS GETTING FOOD AND DRUGS AND BEING ABLE TO MEET MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS. WHAT I FEEL YOU SHOULD KNOW, IS THAT ONE QUESTION WHICH WAS RAISED BY PERSONS IN EACH GROUP WAS "WHAT ARE THE SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN DOING TO INTERVENE ON THEIR BEHALF". THE NEWS MEDIA ARE NOT REPORTING YOUR ACTIVITIES DURING THIS CRISIS, I URGE YOU TO KEEP THE LOCAL MEDIA APPRISED OF YOUR EFFORTS TO AMELIORATE THE SITUATION AT THIS VERY CRITICAL TIME. DONALD L SPENCER SPECIALIST ON AGING REGION SIX PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL 201 DEVENY BLDG FAIRMOWNT WV 26554

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