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Executive Director

RE: H. R. 11450 - ENERGY EMERGENCY LEGISLATION CAR POOLING

An amendment to encourage car pooling is attached. Very few automobiles presently carry more than one person during rush hours. If car pools of 3 or more persons are formed, considerable savings of fuel would result. This fuel saving, through maximum car pool participation, would result from a freer flow of traffic as well as from fewer cars on the road.

Methods of encouraging car pooling include special roadway lanes, parking privileges, toll adjustments and computer matching to introduce those who wish to pool their cars to others who live and work in the same areas.

Further information on this subject may be obtained from:

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(Copy of this amendment delivered to Charles Curtis)

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 11450

The present Sec. 105 is redesignated as Sec. 106.

The new Sec. 105, p. 11, line 17 is as follows:

"Sec. 105. USE OF CARPOOLS. -- (a) The Secretary of Transportation shall encourage the creation and expansion of the use of carpools as a viable component of our nationwide transportation system. It is the intent of this subsection to maximize the level of carpool participation in America.

(b) The Secretary of the United States Department of Transportation is directed to establish within the Department of Transportation an "Office of Car Pool Promotion" whose purpose and responsibilities will include --

(1) responding to any and all requests for information and technical assistance on carpooling and carpooling systems from units of State and local governments and private groups and employees;

(2) promoting greater participation in carpooling through public information and the preparation of such materials for use by State and local governments;

(3) encouraging and promoting private organizations to organize and operate carpool systems for employees;

(4) promoting the cooperation and sharing of responsibilities between separate, yet proximately close, units of government in coordinating the operations of carpool systems; and

(5) other such measures that the Secretary determines appropriate to achieve the goal of this subsection.

(c) The Secretary of Transportation shall encourage and promote the use of incentives such as special parking privileges, special roadway lanes, toll adjustments and other incentives as may be found beneficial and administratively feasible to the furtherance of carpool ridership, and consistent with the obligations of the State and local agencies which provide transportation services.

(d) The Secretary of Transportation is directed to allocate the funds appropriated pursuant to this subsection according to the following distribution between the Federal and State or local units of government:

(1) The initial planning process--up to 100 percent Federal.

(2) The systems design process--up to 100 percent Federal.

(3) The initial start-up and operation of a given system--60 percent Federal and 40 percent State or local with the Federal portion not to exceed one year.

(e) Within twelve months of enactment of this legislation the Secretary shall make a report to Congress of all his activities and expenditures pursuant to this subsection. This shall include any recommendations as to future legislation concerning carpooling.

(f) The sum of \$25,000,000 is authorized to be appropriated for the conduct of programs designed to achieve the goals of this subsection, such authorization to remain available for two years."

Other sections of the bill be renumbered accordingly.