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

December 20, 1973

Mrs. Donald Kiser New Creek Drive Keyser, West Virginia 26726

Dear Friend:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date advising of your opposition to any increase of Federal tax on gasoline.

I deeply appreciate hearing from you, and I agree wholeheartedly with your views.

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

Thanks again for writing. I deeply appreciate your gracious remarks in my behalf and sincerely trust I shall continue to merit your good words and confidence.

With best wishes to you and yours for a Happy Holiday Season, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

Keyser, West Virginia November 19, 1973

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Honorable Harley O. Staggers House Office Building Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Staggers:

It is with great concern that I have heard reports in the newspapers and on television that the U.S. Government is considering putting a high tax on gasoline, supposedly to relieve the fuel shortage.

It is my sincere hope that if such a measure comes to a vote that you will vote against it. I feel that for several reasons such a bill would be unfair, namely: The government should not make money from the peoples' misery, i.e. a fuel shortage.

Many people, especially those on fixed incomes, would not be able to afford to buy any gasoline at such high prices.

It would not do one thing to relieve the shortage, except to make more fuel available for the affluent, because the poor could not buy it.

Thank you for reading my letter. I think you do a good job for us in Congress, and I know you are concerned for the well-being of all your constituents.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Donald Kiser