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

January 10, 1974

Mr. Ralph E. Hanns, Jr.
President
C. W. Lewis, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Hanns:

This will acknowledge your communication 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 understand your concern with the effect of this crisis on our Nation's economic situation. Many others have also expressed similar feelings.

Needless to say, you may be assured of my continued efforts and interest. It is my sincere desire to pass legislation in the Congress which would be most fair and equitable to all.

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

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS



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H. O. Staggers
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Dear Senator 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 the 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.

It is easy to criticise, or blame the "automobile" for our problems. The fact is that our economy is built around the automotive industry and millions of people are being hurt by the transportation panic.

My own dealership is suffering badly. My employees are wondering about their jobs. Many of my 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,

Ralph E. Hanna, Jr.
Ralph E. Hanns, Jr., President