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DEMOCRATIC CONGRESSIONAL hopeful Darrell McGraw says federal energy conservation legislation should "guard against the giant oil corporations reaping huge profits."



McGraw, in a letter to Rep. Harley O. Staggers, whose Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce is drafting such legislation, also said the energy shortage should not be used as a reason to step up strip mining. . . One man was injured in an oil well fire near Walker on Tuesday which did an estimated \$30,000 damage to

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a rig owned by the Beaver Drilling Co. . . The Mobil Oil Corp. announced Tuesday that it was "mothballing" its 47,000-barrel-a-day refinery in East Chicago, Ind. The action was one of the first signs that the Arab oil embargo of the United States was beginning to affect operations of American oil companies.

12/3/73 Received from Bill Johnson.

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

November 30, 1973

Mr. Darrell V. McGraw, Jr.
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Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Mr. McGraw:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 27. I deeply appreciate your taking the time to write me.

I have read your communication with a great deal of interest and noted your views with regard to the energy crisis.

As I am sure you know, our Committee is presently holding Hearings on the emergency energy bills, and all suggestions will be given consideration.

Again, thank you for writing me.

With very best wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Harley O. Staggers, M.C.
Chairman
Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Staggers:

In the consideration by your committee of the administrations proposals to deal with the energy crisis, I would like to commend to your consideration the following points. I find in my travels and conversations with West Virginians that these ideas are shared by many people in our state.

The measures to deal with the energy crisis should guard against the giant oil corporations reaping huge profits from this crisis which they either by design or through irresponsible shortsightedness have helped create.

Any regulatory effort which would allocate oil resources to different segments of the economy should not be staffed by corporate energy executives connected with the gas, oil, coal or utility industry.

I understand from the press that this has been suggested by the President and to follow the President's suggestion is tantamount to unleashing a pack of wolves to guard the sheep.

The energy deficit which is alledged to exist should not be met through destructive strip mining as is currently being suggested by the President and some of the shortsighted local politicians who support him and the rip and run boys.

The allocation of petroleum resources in West Virginia should be responsive to the fact that we are a rural state. Many of our people travel long distances to work, to school, to church and to visit members of their families during non-work hours.

We as West Virginians, who have produced so much of the energy requirements of this nation over the last 100 years, and who indeed see most of the profits of this energy production go to distant places while leaving very little for us should not now be subjected to rationing or shortages because a small group of willful men who run oil companies have failed in their responsibility to this country.

Harley O. Staggers

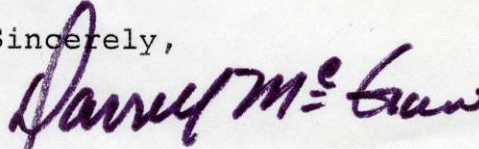
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Finally, it would seem to make good sense that restrictions be imposed upon the export of coal when we need that coal in our own nation in order that our people can continue to prosper and have employment in this time of national need.

Thank you very much for consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Darrell V. McGraw, Jr." in a cursive style.

Darrell V. McGraw, Jr.

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