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

March 18, 1974

Mrs. John McIlwee
332 Green Street
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Dear Mrs. McIlwee:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date. I appreciate your writing me and have noted with much interest your comments concerning the present "energy" situation.

Needless to say, the fuel crisis is and has been of extreme concern to me as well. In fact, from time to time I have been in contact with the Federal and State Energy officials urging that action be taken to alleviate the situation.

As you no doubt know, S. 2589, the Energy Emergency Act, was recently passed by the Congress. However, this legislation was vetoed by the President; and the veto was sustained in the Senate.

We are working on a new energy bill having restructured some of the items from the previous legislation and are hopeful that a new bill will be passed within the next week or two. You may certainly depend on my continued efforts to help solve this great problem facing West Virginia and the Nation.

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

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

Feb. 4, 1974

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DEAR CONGRESSMAN STAGGERS,

I AM SITTING IN MY ICE-COLD APARTMENT, STARING AT MY KITCHEN CUPBOARD DEVOID OF SUCH LUXURIES AS MILK, BREAD, EGGS AND OTHER NON-ESSENTIALS, WONDERING WHY I BOUGHT A SMALL, CRAMPED CAR WHEN I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO BUY GAS FOR SIX DAYS, AND TRYING TO SOLVE THE AGE-OLD PROBLEM OF WHO IS TO BLAME!! HAVING TRAVELED FAITHFULLY OVER TYPICALLY RUT-RIDDEN ROUTE 7 TO KEYSER TO VOTE FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, I'VE FINALLY BROKEN DOWN AND WRITTEN MY FIRST POLITICAL LETTER — MY SIMPLE QUESTION IS... WHAT, IN HEAVEN'S NAME, IS GOING ON IN WASHINGTON?? OR MORE DEEPLY, DOES ANYONE THERE KNOW, OR CARE, ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON OUT IN THE HINTERLANDS!!

MIGHT I SUGGEST, IN WEAK LAYMAN'S TERMS, THAT I, AND THE RATHER TYPICALLY AMERICAN FRIENDS I ASSOCIATE WITH, ARE FED UP TO THE POINT OF RETCHING! I DON'T MIND TURNING BACK THE HEAT UNTIL PRICES OF HEATING FUEL GO UP TO COMPENSATE FOR THE COMPANY'S LOSS WHEN I DO! I DON'T MIND GETTING LESS GAS UNTIL THE MAJOR OIL COMPANIES (WITH THEIR RECENT DISGUSTING PROFIT FIGURES!) DECIDE TO

PLAY AT being Deities WHEN it comes to
WHO GETS WHAT ... AND WHERE ... AND
FOR WHAT COST! I DON'T EVEN MIND A
little strike (truckers, etc.) NOW AND
AGAIN if it isn't ALLOWED to CRIPPLE AN
ENTIRE AREA! I REALLY DON'T MIND
MUCH — I'm VERY TOLERANT — but
I DO MIND the CREEPING SENSATION
DOWN the BACK OF my spine that
NO ONE IS DOING ANYTHING to ALLEVIATE
these situations. I'm UNABLE to
get to Keyser RIGHT NOW to FIND OUT
HOW others feel there — NO GAS — but,
I KNOW HOW I feel — MAD!! I DO
NOT feel like SUPPORTING ANY GOVERNMENT
with my vote WHEN I CAN GET NO
SUPPORT FROM it WHEN it MOST NEEDED!
I, AND others like me, WILL SUPPORT
you in ANYTHING CONSTRUCTIVE you
CAN DO to HELP in this situation — we
ARE with you in all your efforts to
get the GOVERNMENT BACK to the business
of RUNNING the country — NOT RUINING
it.

Please excuse my informal note — my
MOOD DOES NOT lend itself to formality.
I'm closing to CALL my family in Keyser
before a QUOTA IS PLACED ON my phone
CALLS! THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.
— Mrs. Nancy M. McDewee

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