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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Mrs. R. W. Martin
465 Westwood Avenue
Star City, West Virginia

Dear Mrs. Martin:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date. I appreciate your writing me and have noted with much interest your comments relative to the gasoline situation in Monongalia County and other areas of our State.

Needless to say, the "fuel crisis" is and has been of extreme concern to me as well. In fact, almost daily I have been in contact with the Federal Energy officials here in Washington, the Regional Office in Philadelphia, and the West Virginia Office in Charleston urging that action be taken to alleviate the situation.

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

I am still hopeful that energy legislation will be passed to help solve this great problem facing West Virginia and the Nation, and you may depend on my continued efforts and support.

With best wishes and kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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Mr. Harley O. Staggers;
Dear Sir:

Is there not something the Government can do about this gas and oil situation. It is really getting desperate in our state and can see no sign of change. Stations are closed entirely today and until all stations can get their supply of gas. One was open last evening by the river bridge and cars were lined up all the way across the bridge and far up the highway, also all over the Shopping Center lot for parking. The stores were almost vacant for all were in those lines, apparently.

Our schools were threatened or pushed into closing, those heating by oil and then got a supply. The buses have enough now but may not soon. It's too bad childrens education has to be affected by the oil companies and all the unemployment, absence of food in many places. One glass company here, Morgantown, has layed off 100 employees because they can't get their goods shipped. We had a bomb scare at the gas tanks in this area and one factory was forced to close and streets evacuated for a day or more. This town, Star City, is situated on the hill above those huge tanks and if a bomb did go off this whole town could be ruined. I know a lot of the threats are just to scare people, and to get action on a settlement but who is to say someone might follow them up with it, to get a thrill or cause trouble.

Some people are hoarding but we don't intend doing it for we can make do with what we have and normal buying. We do ^{have} the advantage of being near stores that we could walk to if necessary but many do not. This is one time that living in the country is hurting by the gas, situation. In all, it is affecting most every walk of life.

Surely something can be done soon or could have before this, when the Railroads threatened to strike a few years ago, the President slapped an injunction on them so what is he waiting for now and then get to the real reason of this trouble, the oil companies.

Lives are being threatened all over, When is something going to be done?

Sincerely hopeful,
Mrs R. W. Martin
465 Westwood Ave.
Star City, W. Va.