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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Mr. Kenneth Mick
415 West Main Street
Grafton, West Virginia 26354

Dear Mr. Mick:

This will acknowledge your letter of recent date. I appreciate your taking the time to write me and have read your communication with much interest.

Needless to say, I agree with you wholeheartedly concerning the proposal to increase the tax on gas. In fact, I think this is the wrong way to accomplish anything, and especially to bring about a solution to our energy crisis.

This week the House has been considering the National Emergency Energy Act, and you may be assured I will continue doing my very best toward the passage of fair and equitable legislation for all.

Again, thanking you for the benefit of your views and with kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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The Honorable Harley Staggers
The U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

This letter concerns the resignation of John Love of the White House Energy Policy Office. He was replaced by William Simon who is sympathetic to Secretary Schultz' recommendation of higher gasoline taxes as opposed to rationing.

I wish to protest any hike in the gasoline tax. I am a freshman at West Virginia University. The cost of University housing ~~is~~ quite beyond my means, so I am forced to commute approximately thirty miles one way - sixty miles a day. At this time, I am barely meeting expenses as the situation

is; if they raise the gasoline price above fifty cents per gallon, I can not stay in school. I am attending W.V.U. on a Board of Regents' Voice of Democracy Scholarship which provides only \$90.00 a semester. It is good for eight consecutive semesters, and I think it will be discontinued should I be forced to withdraw due to a higher gasoline price.

It is my understanding that tax measures must originate in the House, and, therefore, I would ask that you oppose any increase in the tax on gasoline. Also, I wish someone would inform Sec'y Shultz that not everyone makes the salary he does, and they can't afford a higher gasoline tax.

Thank you so much...

Very sincerely yours,
Kenneth Mick