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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Mr. Patrick J. Head
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Montgomery Ward
1660 L Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Friends:

Thank you very much for your letters of recent date relative to the Energy Emergency Act.

It is good hearing from you, and I have noted your comments concerning the parking surcharge and administrative procedural provisions in this measure. I deeply appreciate having the benefit of your views.

As you know, of course, last week the President vetoed S. 2589, and the Senate sustained the veto. However, I am still hopeful that we will get an energy bill passed.

Again, thanking you and with best wishes and kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

February 27, 1974

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

Dear Chairman Staggers:

Two provisions in the conference report on the Energy Emergency Act are of urgent importance to the retailing industry.

The first would suspend parking surcharge provisions which have been promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency, and would require EPA to conduct a study of the economic consequences of these surcharges. Further, the Act would postpone until 1975 various parking management provisions which EPA has promulgated. Both these suspensions offer protection from the possibly catastrophic consequences of ill-considered EPA action.

The second would provide a measure of administrative due process for those affected by programs instituted under the Act, providing opportunities for comment on those programs prior to their implementation.

Montgomery Ward strongly urges that nothing be done by the House which would jeopardize the adoption of these provisions. While we take no position on the merits of other provisions of the bill, we would hope that the House would support its Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee, so that the parking surcharge and administrative due process provisions may be securely written into law.

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The Honorable Harley O. Staggers
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Dear Chairman Staggers:

Congratulations on your excellent victory on the Energy bill. Certainly, Wards, as well as other retailers, are thankful for your help to us.

After your conversations with Harry McPherson, our counsel, we alerted our five regional offices (Oakland, Kansas City, Chicago, Orlando and Baltimore), to develop state support from retailing for the bill, and its important procedural and clean air provisions.

We also obtained home office (Chicago) clearance for the attached letter from my office here, which was in process of having 435 duplicate originals made.

Again, our thanks and best wishes for working with you in the future.

Personal regards.

Pat Head

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