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

January 10, 1974

Mr. Luther J. Nichols
306 Western Avenue
Martinsburg, West Virginia 25401

Dear Mr. Nichols:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date relative to the present "energy crisis."

I deeply appreciate your writing me and have noted your concern with the proposed gas rationing plan. I can certainly understand your feelings and want to assure you and yours of my continued efforts toward the passage of fair and equitable legislation for all.

As you know, of course, the House and Senate did take action on the Energy Emergency Act during the last days of the First Session. In all probability, it will be one of the first items to be considered when the Second Session of the 93rd Congress convenes.

Again, thanking you for writing and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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306 Western Avenue
Martinsburg, W. Va. 25401
December 31, 1973

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

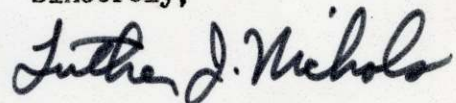
Dear Sir:

I'm writing concerning the gas rationing plan which may go into effect on March 1, 1973. I drive 52.2 miles/day round trip to work - Martinsburg, W. Va. to Berkeley Springs, W. Va. I'm presently in a car pool with another individual; but, if the gas rationing pinch hits, he would probably move to Berkeley Springs. He lives in an apartment and has no children. I just graduated from college, am buying a house, and my wife is 4 months pregnant. Moving to Berkeley Springs would not be as easy for me even if I really wanted to move there.

I'll admit that I can probably make it to work and back on 70 gallons per month. However, I'm presently trying to pass the CPA exam; and although I have passed all but two parts, I feel that I will need professional assistance to finally get through. This would mean commuting to a CPA coaching school in Washington, D. C. I'll also need gasoline to commute to the nearest testing center. Under the present rationing system I can't be guaranteed gasoline for what I consider an important need. I may be able to buy extra coupons on the open market, but I'm not independently wealthy so I could only afford a modest price.

Please understand that my most important concern is getting enough gasoline so that I can get to and from work. However, I would like to be advised concerning future steps that might be taken to get extra gas to attend school. I need this information so that I can make arrangements for registration, etc.

Sincerely,



Luther J. Nichols