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

March 12, 1974

Mrs. Michael W. O'Brien  
Box 103  
Sunrise Heights  
Fort Ashby, West Virginia 26719

Dear Mrs. O'Brien:

This will acknowledge your letter of recent date sent to my home in Keyser. I certainly appreciate your taking the time to write me.

From your communication, I have noted with much interest your views with reference to the fuel crisis, the recent strike by independent truckers, and the price of gasoline.

Needless to say, these matters are also of extreme concern to me as well. In fact, almost daily I have been in touch with the Federal and State energy officials in an effort to be of assistance.

As you may know, the Energy Emergency Act was recently passed by the Congress and did contain a price rollback provision. Last week the President vetoed this measure, and the veto was sustained in the Senate. However, I am still hopeful that we can get an energy bill passed.

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

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS



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Box 103 Sunrise Hts  
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February 11, 1974

Mr. Harley O. Staggars:

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I would like to express  
my views about the present situation  
concerning striking truck drivers.

I believe in what they're standing  
for but not the violence included.

However, I do not believe they are  
instigating all of the violence. I think  
there is a possibility of other people being  
involved possibly to make them look  
"bad."

My husband is employed  
as a carpenter. He is being paid  
what is supposed to be top wage, but  
somehow only manages to bring home  
less than \$80.00 a week. As there some  
you could tell me to make out after  
a surcharge is put on the trucking  
merchandise? I'm sure there are  
other families less fortunate that are  
also wondering what to do. We  
have only been married for 6 months  
and want to start a family but



are wondering if we can carry  
through with things like they are.  
He works in different communities  
and sometimes travels 15 or 20 miles  
one way a day to work and  
gasoline being 50¢ to 56¢ a gallon -  
he can't go it all week.

The President thinks  
he's offered a good settlement to  
the truckers. Sure, because you  
all have a secure world. I am  
a Republican and was brought  
up that but I feel we are being  
let down. My father had a heart-  
attack two years ago in March  
and almost died now making  
him unable to do anything. My  
mother also is sickly (she's 58 years old)  
and she has since been trying to  
get some sort of aid for them  
but it's like getting dirt in their face.  
No wonder politics is not being  
supported. What's to support?!

Thank you, sir, for  
your time.

Sincerely, Mrs. Michael O'Brien