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House of Representatives
Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce
Room 2125, Rayburn House Office Building
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April 10, 1974

The Honorable
Matthew J. Rinaldo
1513 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Matt:

Your timely support of the Emergency Energy Act on final passage on February 27 is very much appreciated by the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, and especially by its Chairman. While it did not survive the Presidential veto later, we have the satisfaction of knowing that the responsibility rests on the Senate, and not on the House.

You know, of course, that the bill encountered many difficulties in Committee and again on the House floor. Conflicting interests were involved. In this great country of ours, conflicting interests can hardly be avoided when important measures are under consideration. In the energy case, producer interests and consumer interests furnished the main cause of difference. We struggled long and hard to reconcile as many of them as possible, but with only partial success.

We cannot fault the Members of the House for reflecting the primary interests of their constituents. The energy bill had no logical connection with partisan politics, in my opinion. Some Members of each party supported it, while others opposed it. Important National issues can be expected to produce such results. Your judgment of what best serves the needs of your people cannot be criticized, and I think no political implications should be attached to them. Your vote on the bill marks you as a Representative acting on high principle and personal integrity. I both applaud you and thank you in the energy case.

As you are aware, I presume, a new energy bill is being prepared by the Commerce Committee. I hope it will prove more satisfactory all around. However, in any event, the present and future needs of our Nation for energy in quantity and at reasonable prices still remain. I appreciate more than I can say your assurance of full support in efforts to meet that need.

Mr. Matthew J. Rinaldo

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With best wishes and kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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April 8, 1974

The Honorable Matthew J. Rinaldo
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Dear Matt:

Thank you for your support during floor action on the Emergency Energy Act.

As Chairman of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, I appreciated being able to count on your help to get positive action on this legislation which the Committee had labored over for some months.

I know of your deep concern about meeting our present and future energy needs, and I look forward to continuing our work together to meet these needs.

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS, Chairman
Interstate and Foreign
Commerce Committee