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

January 9, 1974

Mr. Charles A. Rodgers, Jr.
4705 Brava Court
Camp Springs, Maryland 20031

Dear Mr. Rodgers:

Thank you very much for sending me copy of your communication
to Representative Marjorie Holt.

I have read your letter with a great deal of interest, and
can certainly understand your feelings with reference to your
recent business trip to Morgantown in your private plane. I
appreciate your bringing this to my attention.

Again thanking you for writing, and with every good wish for
1974, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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Charles A. Rodgers, Jr.
4705 Brava Ct.
Camp Springs, Md.
28 December 1973

Representative Marjorie Holt
Congress of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Holt:

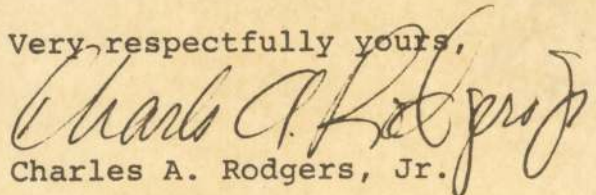
May I begin by wishing you a very happy and successful 1974. I have been pleased with your votes in the House and look forward to your long presence in congress.

While on a business trip in my private aircraft to Morgantown, West Virginia, on 18 December 1973, I was denied gasoline service on the basis that the airport manager was restricting sales to only those aircraft based at Morgantown. This is becoming common practice at many airports. This action has two serious effects which are irrational:

- (1) Private aircraft become useless as modes of transportation
- (2) Fixed Base operations avoid curtailment of their own operations and circumvent gasoline allocation by imposing this unfair practice

I am willing and in fact do support the Administration's position on fuel allocation and have already curtailed by use of gasoline and other energy both in my home and mobile uses. However it appears to me that so long as people such as the air port management at Morgantown, West Virginia assume such selfish positions that some form of formal allocation must be adopted. It is also significant that large sums of Federal funds have been committed for airport improvements at Morgantown on the basis that they be open to service the general public. Their denial of service is therefore an unlawful act.

Very respectfully yours,


Charles A. Rodgers, Jr.

Copy to: Representative H.O. Staggers
Congressman from West Virginia