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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

March 5, 1974

Mrs. Maxine Schein
737 South Hills Drive
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

Dear Mrs. Schein:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date. I appreciate your writing me and have noted with much interest your comments relative to the gasoline situation in West Virginia.

You and yours may be assured the "fuel crisis" is and has been of extreme concern to me for quite some time. I am well aware of the situation in Morgantown and other areas of our State.

In fact, almost daily I have been in contact with the Federal Energy officials here in Washington, the Regional Office in Philadelphia, and the West Virginia Office in Charleston urging that action be taken to alleviate the situation.

As you perhaps know, last week the House was successful in passing the Conference Report to accompany S. 2589, the Emergency Energy Act. I was happy to have supported this legislation and will certainly continue doing all I can to be helpful.

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

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS



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FEBRUARY 4, 1974

REPRESENTATIVE HARLEY STAGGERS
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

DEAR SIR:

HERE IN MORGANTOWN (AS ELSEWHERE) THE GASOLINE SITUATION IS BECOMING DAILY MORE CHAOTIC. STATIONS HAVE BEEN CLOSED FOR OVER A WEEK NOW, WITH ONE OR TWO BRIEF EXCEPTIONS. WE ARE TOLD THE TRUCKER'S STRIKE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS WEEK'S SHORTAGE OF GAS AND FOODSTUFFS AND IN SPITE OF THE INCONVENIENCE I APPLAUD THEIR ACTION. ENERGY CZAR SIMON'S SUGGESTION THAT TRUCKERS PASS ALONG THEIR INCREASED GASOLINE PRICES TO THE CONSUMER BY RAISING FREIGHT RATES SEEMS TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE IN THE FACE OF AN ALREADY ACCELERATING INFLATION. I AM WRITING TO YOU TO URGE CONGRESS TO TAKE SOME ACTION, SOON; A PRICE FREEZE, IF NOT A ROLLEBACK, AND GASOLINE RATIONING. HOPEFULLY THIS WOULD STOP THE ARBITRARY MANIPULATION OF PRICE AND SUPPLY FROM STATE TO STATE. FRIENDS IN CENTRAL PENN. TELL ME THEY ARE PAYING 10¢ A GAL LESS AND HAVE HAD NO SHORTAGE. I FOR ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW MUCH GASOLINE IS AVAILABLE AND HOW MUCH I WOULD BE ALLOWED TO HAVE SO I CAN PLAN MY LIFE ACCORDINGLY.

IN CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT PRESIDENT NIXON'S FAILURE TO ACT ON RATIONING ONLY INCREASES THE MANY DEFICITS ALREADY EXHIBITED IN HIS CORRUPT AND PROFIT-ORIENTED ADMINISTRATION!

SINCERELY YOURS,

Maxine Schein