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

February 21, 1974

Mr. Kenneth E. Shaner  
President  
Shaner Construction Company  
29 West Jefferson Street, WO  
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

Dear Mr. Shaner:

Thank you for your letter of recent date. I appreciate your taking the time to write me. As I have said before, it is certainly my desire to be of service whenever possible.

My Friend, I am and have always been very proud to represent Morgantown and Monongalia County here in Washington. I do my best, when my legislative duties permit, to spend as much time as I can in each of the 22 Counties in the Second Congressional District. It is always my purpose to try to determine firsthand the views and problems of the citizens I represent. This is most beneficial in carrying out my duties.

As you may be aware, the First Session of the 93rd Congress came to a close December 22, 1973. I was at home in Keyser for Christmas and, unfortunately, had the flu for about ten days.

Before the Second Session convened in January, I visited Fayette, Greenbrier, Monroe, and Summers Counties in the Southeastern part of my District. Meetings at each of the Courthouses were arranged in order for me to talk with the citizens and share their views on matters of mutual concern. It is my intention to continue these Courthouse visits in all of the Counties; and I, of course, plan to get back into Monongalia again within the very near future.

You may be assured I have been and am extremely concerned and distressed with the fuel situation, not only in Morgantown and our State, but throughout the Nation.

During the last days of the First Session, the House approved the Emergency Energy Act. This legislation was one of the first items of business scheduled for the Senate during the Second Session. However, on January 29, 1974, President Nixon wrote Senator Hugh Scott, the Minority Leader, as well as other Members of the Republican leadership, and recommended that this bill be defeated. I am attaching a copy of the President's letter.

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This week the Senate took action on the energy bill. It passed the Senate by a vote of 67 to 32, and I immediately went before the House Rules Committee to obtain a rule to bring the bill to the House Floor. Again, with the Administration's interference, this was not approved by the Rules Committee.

We have been frustrated at every angle, but I am not going to give up. I am still hopeful that the legislation will be passed to help solve this great problem facing West Virginia and the Nation. I am doing everything I can to be helpful and will continue to do so.

With reference to the time bill, please be advised that the "Emergency Daylight Saving Time Energy Conservation Act of 1973" was passed at the request of the President as part of his legislative program to deal with the energy emergency. However, since its enactment, there has been widespread opposition expressed by many citizens throughout our Nation.

In fact, legislation has been introduced in the House and Senate to amend or repeal the Act. Our House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee will soon hold hearings to determine whether or not any worthwhile energy saving is resulting from the wintertime observance of Daylight Saving Time.

Again, thanks very much for writing me. You may depend on my continued efforts and cooperation. I might also add that I am only one of 435 Members of Congress trying my utmost to do what is best for West Virginia. We do have two very fine and able Senators who represent our District and State as well. I feel they, too, are doing their best for all of us.

With best wishes and kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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January 30, 1974

Honorable Harley O. Staggers  
2nd. District, West Virginia  
Congress of the United States  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman Staggers:

Just to refresh your memory; Morgantown, West Virginia is still within your district. I thought you might have forgotten as no one has seen or heard of you since the last election --- and it might very well be just that --- your last election.

You might be pleased to know that on this very day in Morgantown, there was a grand total of zero filling stations open to serve the interests of your district. Your federally imposed quota system is certainly a credit to the intelligence of this community. It is surpassed only by the validity of winter Daylight Savings Time.

On the banks of the beautifully polluted Monongahela river there rests well over 1,000,000 gallons of gasoline, aviation, heating, diesel and assorted fuels. All confined to the POL depots of Gulf, American, Sun, Texaco, Exxon and Pennzoil. On the streets of Morgantown there is nothing Mr. Staggers, nothing.

You, as our representative in Congress, can appropriate \$70 million dollars to construct an inoperative people mover in this forgotten community; well how about a tank of gas?

I realize that my small business contributes only a pauptry sum to the economy (\$250,000) and that my total employment results in the welfare of only fifteen (15) individuals, however, when my two trucks and one piece of diesel equipment are deadlined tomorrow, we will all be thanking you and yours for your resounding lack of cooperation and forthought.

Enough said for now, Mr. Staggers, the rest will be said at the next election.

Very Truly Yours,

*Kenneth E. Shaner*

Kenneth E. Shaner, Pres.