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

February 28, 1974

Mrs. Olive E. Shultz  
Route 6, Box 183  
Morgantown, West Virginia 26505

Dear Mrs. Shultz:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent <sup>date</sup>. I appreciate your taking the time to write 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, yesterday 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

TO: Congressman Harley O. Staggers  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

FROM: Olive E. Shultz  
Route 6, Box 183  
Morgantown, W. Va. 26506

RE: Gasoline Situation in West Virginia

Dear Sir:

I am writing to you to let you know of my feelings concerning the gasoline situation. First of all, I am very much alarmed as to how in the world we could get into such a problem.

I know that you will be receiving a lot of mail and a million and one suggestions as to how it can be solved, but I hope that you will take my letter into consideration in whatever action you take.

My husband and I both work for West Virginia University and have been for the past 3 years. We travel back and forth each day for a total of 20 miles each, a total of 200 miles a week. We do not work on the same shift as my husband is a security officer and must rotate each week. This of course means that I bring the family car and he has a truck. I average approximately 8 miles to a gallon and I get filled up at least once a week, if I am lucky. At the present time I am afraid that I may not get to work the rest of the week, simply because I cannot get gasoline. I am not the only one in this situation, as you already know. I am not in favor of gasoline rationing but we must have gas at a reasonable price. I have been told of gasoline in Morgantown going for 58¢ a gallon. I spend more money getting to work then I actually make which is only \$5352.00 before deductions. It would probably be easier to get on relief and not have the worry of going to work. This of course is something that I do not want to do.

Please show my disgust with the gasoline situation by helping to get this trucking problem solved as soon as possible. You have done a great deal for West Virginia and I hope that you continue to do so. Thank you in advance for whatever you can do.

Sincerely.