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

February 26, 1974

Mr. and Mrs. David Snyder  
473 Marsham Street  
Apartment 5  
Romney, West Virginia 26757

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Snyder:

This will acknowledge your letter of recent date. I appreciate your writing me and want to assure you of my desire to be of service whenever possible.

From your communication, I can well understand your feelings relative to the "energy crisis." We are making every effort to determine the facts about fuel supplies, and eventually I hope this information will be available.

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, and other members of the Republican leadership, recommending that this bill be defeated. A copy of the President's letter is attached for your information.

Last week the Senate took action on the energy bill and passed it by a vote of 67 to 32. The House is expected to take further action on the Conference Report this week.

We have been frustrated at every angle, but I am not going to give up. I am still hopeful that the energy 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.

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

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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473 Marsham St. Apt. 5  
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Rep. Harley Staggers  
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Dear Rep. Harley Staggers:

I tried to get gas in Romney, West Virginia this evening—a "thought provoking" experience! The gas station I have dealt with for five years has been cut from 30,000 gallons to 18,000 gallons a month (if I remember my figures correctly) and they now have no gas at all; another station is closed because of no gas; two stations have gas for .50 and .51 cents a gallon (I'll not pay that); I finally found gas at a reasonable price with a \$3.00 limit.

I feel the current trends of inflation are uncalled for and something could be done about it! It is ridiculous to sit and watch the news on television and read in the newspaper about prices skyrocketing.

My wife and I feel that "political rhetoric," the "left-hand not seeming to know what the right hand is doing," and the "passing of the buck" as to who is responsible for what has been occurring in Washington, D. C. the last year enabled Congress to be so well-pleased with the "State of the Union Message" my wife and I watched on television last evening.

I know that unless we see some changes in the current questionable shortages and unnecessary inflation we feel that a vote against all those presently in office is the only way to get new members in office that will try and do something a little different. After last evenings television address it will be interesting to see how many things will mature throughout the year. Also, maybe we can get voters by influence to vote like us (I don't think it would take much influence from the talk we hear).

Do not get us wrong; we read many fine things done by our West Virginia representatives in Washington, D. C. But, certainly the gas shortage which greatly interferes with my taking post-graduate courses at nearby colleges, etc. and inflation which keeps a person making under \$9,000 a year unable to save anything means something to those in office—we wonder!

Two irritated voters,

David Snyder  
Sharon A. Snyder

cc. Sen. Robert C. Byrd  
Re. Harley Staggers