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Dear Mr. Vail:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date. I appreciate your writing me relative to our present "energy crisis."

From your communication, I have noted with much interest your concern with the distribution of gasoline on a fair basis. I can certainly understand your feelings, and you may be assured I will continue my efforts toward the passage of fair and equitable legislation for all.

As you no doubt know, the House and Senate did take action on the Energy Emergency Act during the last days of the First Session. In all probability, it will be one of the first items to be considered when the Second Session of the 93rd Congress convenes.

Again, thanking you for the benefit of your views, and with kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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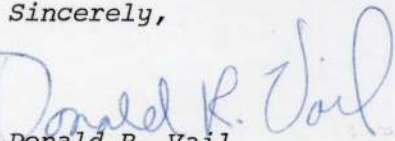
Being a member of the so called "silent majority" is sometimes a little difficult, in that we are not always aware of what the government is doing because the press does not have the time or space to print all the information. Therefore, I am writing to you in hopes that you can answer a few questions for me.

My area of concern is the current gasoline shortage. I am deeply concerned about this and I believe all good Americans are. I have tried to do my part by changing to a smaller car in an effort to get better mileage. However, according to news releases I have seen, rationing is coming and certain consumers will have priorities such as farmers, truckers, schools, police, etc. I agree with this way of thinking, but it concerns me.

I am a salesman trying to make a living selling life insurance. I am also responsible for hiring and training men in North Central West Virginia. As is obvious, this entails quite a bit of travel. My question is, will a person who makes his living by traveling be given a reasonable amount of gasoline? The industry I represent is a vital part of the American society. My company alone, puts \$28,000,000 per working hour of every day back into the American economy. However, as necessary as our product is people do not come to us, we have to go to them at our expense.

I am sure there are lobbyists looking out for our interest, but I hope you can give me peace of mind by telling me that provisions will be made on our behalf. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Donald R. Vail
District Manager

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