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Dear Mr. Weaver:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date. I appreciate your taking the time to write me relative to the present energy crisis.

It is good to have the benefit of your views, and I certainly share your concern with the effect of this crisis on our Nation's economic situation.

As you may be aware, the Congress is indeed investigating to determine the true facts with reference to our fuel supplies. In all probability, one of the first items to be considered when the Second Session of the 93rd Congress convenes next week will be the further consideration of the Energy Emergency Act.

You may be assured I will continue my efforts toward the passage of fair and equitable legislation for all.

Again, thanking you for writing and with every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS



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SIR,

I AM A MEMBER OF THE U.S. NAVY STATIONED AT THE SUGAR GROVE NAVAL RADIO STATION SUGAR GROVE, WEST VIRGINIA.

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY I'M A TYPICAL CONCERNED YOUNG AMERICAN MALE. THAT IS WHY I'M WRITING THIS LETTER. I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL LIKE IT. THE SUBJECT AS YOU PROBABLY HAVE GUESSED IS THE ENERGY CRISIS WHICH INDEED MUST BE A CRISIS WITH THE PRICE OF GASOLINE GOING UP THE WAY IT IS LET ALONE OTHER SOURCES OF ENERGY. ALSO THE FACT THAT WE HAVE SHORTAGES OF FOOD! I FIND IT UNBELIEVABLE, TO SAY THE LEAST, THAT OUR LEGISLATORS AND THE LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRY WOULD ALLOW SKY-ROCKETING FOOD PRICES TO OCCUR WHEN WE SUPPOSEDLY HAVE A SURPLUS OF GRAIN THAT IS BEING SOLD TO THE U.S.S.R. AND OTHER COUNTRIES AND AT THE SAME TIME I HAVE TO PAY MORE AND MORE FOR FLOUR AND BREAD.

AS WHAT I CALL A TYPICAL AMERICAN, IT IS HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND WHY YOU, SIR, AS WELL AS YOUR COHORTS, AS LEADERS OF THIS COUNTRY COULD ALLOW US TO BE PRACTICALLY DEVASTATED BY OUR ENERGY SITUATION. I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT PART OF YOUR JOB WAS TO WATCH OVER THE ECONOMIC SITUATION OF OUR COUNTRY FIRST AND FOREMOST! THEN, WITH THE SURPLUS OF OUR COMMODITIES CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMY OF OUR FOREIGN FRIENDS. NOT VICE VERSA!

I DON'T ACTUALLY KNOW THAT THIS IS WHAT IS HAPPENING, BUT IT CERTAINLY LOOKS THAT WAY TO ME. AND IF I THINK THAT THEN CERTAINLY THERE MUST BE A LOT OF OTHER TYPICAL YOUNG AMERICANS AND NOT SO YOUNG AMERICANS WHO ALSO ARE THINKING ALONG THESE LINES.

IT IS ALSO EQUALLY HARD FOR ME TO UNDERSTAND HOW YOU COULD PERMIT THE MAJOR OIL COMPANIES TO CONTINUE TO INCREASE THE PRICES OF ALL PETROLEUM PRODUCTS WITH THE ENERGY SITUATION THE WAY IT IS.

HAS THE GOVERNMENT NOT IMPOSED CONTROLS ON PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN THE PAST TO REGULATE THE PRICES OF GASOLINE AND FUEL OIL? WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THESE CONTROLS? HAVE THEY BEEN DONE AWAY WITH IN THE TIME WHEN THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN STRENGTHENED?

I, SIR, AM BECOMING MORE AND MORE DISHEARTENED WITH THE WAY THESE THINGS ARE HAPPENING. THE NATION'S MORALE IS GETTING LOWER AND LOWER.

I SOMETIMES WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE WHEN THE WORK HORSE OF THE FREE WORLD, HAS ITS BACK BROKEN.

SO I SAY TO YOU, SIR, AND ALL OF YOUR COLLEAGUES, "GET BACK TO THE PEOPLE". THE PEOPLE OF YOUR COUNTRY; OF OUR COUNTRY. IF THERE IS NO AMERICA, THERE IS NO FREE WORLD.

SINCERELY,

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