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December 13, 1973

Mr. James L. Stone
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Charleston, West Virginia 25311

Dear Mr. Stone:

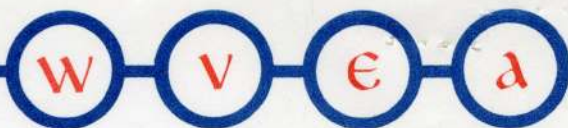
Thank you very much for your letter of December 7, 1973. It is always good hearing from you and members of the Association.

Needless to say, I am indeed extremely concerned about our educational institutions during the energy crisis. I agree with you wholeheartedly, and shall continue doing my very best to see that legislation may be approved which will be fair and equitable for all.

Again thanking you, and with best wishes for the Holiday Season, I am

Sincerely yours,

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December 7, 1973

Congressman Harley Staggers
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Dear Congressman Staggers:

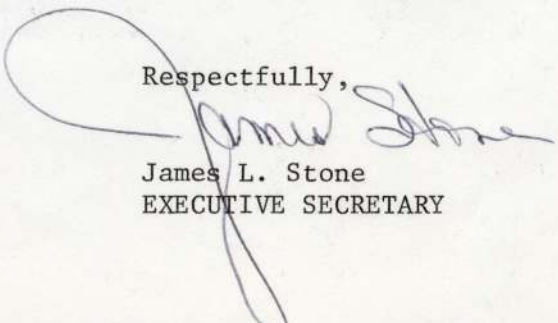
We are appealing to you, because we know of your sincere and genuine interest in the public schools of our state and nation, to help bring about a greater concern for the educational institutions during the energy crisis. (X)

From the news media and other information coming to our attention, it seems that the schools and education may not receive proper priority. It seems to us that concern for the boys and girls of this nation is lost in the maze of confusion centered around how we can protect business and industry. What a mistake!

Of course, the schools, the teachers, administrators and all employees want to bear their fair share of the responsibility to meet a national crisis. It is our opinion that the educators of the nation, through the children, can have a tremendous impact upon how parents truly react to this serious problem. We want to intelligently discuss this crisis in our classrooms. We want to develop teaching units so that a better understanding can be had on the causes and the solutions. We want to impress upon the youngsters the importance of conservation of our energy sources. But we feel that there is a lack of concern by those who have created the problem.

We implore you to do all you can to see that schools get high priority in any legislation enacted. We urge that any program of this nature include the protection of the health and safety of pupils and the educational environment. Schools should be kept open, warm and the buses must be kept running to prevent parents from transporting students, which would in the long run be more costly, energy-wise, than operating the buses.

Respectfully,


James L. Stone
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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