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

December 19, 1973

Mr. Kenneth C. Legg  
Executive Secretary  
West Virginia School Service Personnel Association  
1558 Quarrier Street  
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Ken:

Thank you very much for your letter of recent date. I deeply appreciate hearing from you again and note with much interest your comments relative to our present "energy crisis."

I am glad 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. Many others have also expressed similar feelings.

As you know, the House did pass the "Energy Emergency Act" last week, and this is presently being considered by a joint Conference Committee. You may be assured we are doing our very best toward the passage of equitable legislation for the benefit of all.

Again, thanking you for writing and with best wishes to you and yours, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS

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The Honorable Harley Staggers  
Room 2366  
Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Staggers:

It is with grave concern that we communicate with you on matters relating to recent developments of the energy crisis and the general increase in the cost of living.

Not often do I disclose impatience nor become strongly voiced in matters that concern me personally. My income is sufficient that the escalation of food and fuel costs can be absorbed without great hardship. I do, however, think there is a need for price controls to be established and continued until this very serious problem of inflation is at least partially arrested.

We represent auxiliary and school service personnel which number over 13,000 in West Virginia. Enclosed is the breakdown of their categories of employment and average annual salaries for the 1972-73 school year. We often wonder what kind of a living they can provide for themselves and their families on such incomes.

We need not tell you how much the price of food essentials have increased with the lifting of price controls. At present, some consideration is being given to adding as much as a thirty cents (30¢) tax per gallon of gasoline. It is our belief that to impose such a burden on our people would all but chase them off the highways. The lifestyle of those who could afford such a tax increase would not be altered at all.

We have permitted large oil companies to develop a complete monopolization of gasoline and oil products. They control every operation of the industry from drilling to retailing. Although the American people will benefit eventually, the Alaskan pipeline, being financed by public funds, will no doubt be of great monetary benefit to the oil companies.

The West Virginia School Service Personnel Association will join with others in an all out effort to put matters such as the above in their proper places in due time.



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You have helped us before and again we are calling upon you to voice our feelings in Congress. Naturally, your assistance and influence will be effective and appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth C. Legg,  
Executive Secretary

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NUMBER EMPLOYED, AVERAGE SALARIES, AND TOTAL EXPENDITURES  
FOR SALARIES OF AUXILIARY AND SERVICE PERSONNEL -- 1972-73

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>NUMBER EMPLOYED</u>	<u>AVERAGE SALARIES</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>
<u>AIDES</u>			
Aides	2531	2532.00	6,408,492
<u>CUSTODIANS</u>			
Custodians	2481	3601.00	8,934,081
<u>MAINTENANCE</u>			
Watchman	4	3830.00	15,320
Truck Drivers	65	5751.00	373,815
Other	20	5966.00	119,320
Truck Drivers	7	5923.00	41,461
Other School Lunch	89	979.00	87,131
Other Service Personnel	141	4439.00	625,899
Carpenter	107	6593.00	705,451
Painter	40	6621.00	264,840
Plumber	67	6803.00	455,801
Electrician	44	7075.00	311,300
General Maintenance	330	5514.00	1,819,620
Other	40	6660.00	266,400
Maintenance	215	6066.00	1,304,190
	<u>1169</u>		<u>6,390,548</u>
<u>OFFICE</u>			
Secretary	514	5347.00	2,748,358
Secretary Instructional	954	3407.00	3,250,278
Secretary Health	23	3995.00	91,885
Secretary Transportation	71	4538.00	322,198
Secretary Maintenance	9	4547.00	40,923
Secretary Business	20	5095.00	101,900
Secretary School Lunch	38	3295.00	125,210
	<u>1629</u>		<u>6,680,752</u>
<u>SCHOOL LUNCH</u>			
Cooks	3213	2133.00	6,853,329
<u>TRANSPORTATION</u>			
Bus Operators	2393	3922.00	9,385,346
GRAND TOTALS	13,416		44,652,548