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Washington, D.C. 20515

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Mrs. Vera F. Greenlief
Secretary
West Virginia Water Festival, Inc.
Box 97
Hinton, West Virginia

Dear Mrs. Greenlief:

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

From your communication, I note your comments relative to gasoline allocations and the recreation industry. You may be assured I am glad to have the benefit of your views and shall keep them in mind.

As you no doubt know, the President recently recommended that the energy bill not be passed and the Senate voted accordingly. The bill was recommitted to Conference, and further meetings have been scheduled.

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

Again, thanking you and with best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

HARLEY O. STAGGERS



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Honorable Harley Staggers
Room 2366
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Dear Sir:

The West Virginia Water Festival Inc. exists to promote tourism and outdoor recreation in the Summers County area of West Virginia. We have been in existence for 10 years and have expanded our program especially in boating and other activities.

We have been told that recreation has a low priority in allocations of fuel during the present energy crisis. Therefore we feel it is about time we expressed our opinion on the energy crisis, as we understand it exists today. As long as we continue to over-react on this so called ecology kick, we are either going to price ourselves into oblivion or starve ourselves out of existence. Moderation must therefore be the only logical conclusion.

We think that smog controls should be extended 5 to 10 years. This will allow us time to build the needed production of fuels. After all it has taken us humans thousands of years to begin this destruction.

If rationing is in order, and it may be, I would support the allocation of fuel to everybody in all ways of life. It makes sense to restrict the supply to all users 10 per cent than to select a few of our sports and recreational activities and cut them off 100 per cent.

We hope that you can act on this to our best interest.

Very truly yours,

Vera F. Greenlief, Secretary