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Dr. Jerry L. Whalen 803 Third Street New Martinsville, West Virginia 26155

Dear Dr. Whalen:

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

It is certainly good to have your comments in behalf of the Goldwater-Rooney Amendment to the "National Emergency Energy Act."

As you may know by now, our Committee did adopt this amendment which would "provide for equitable treatment of all sectors of the economy." You may be assured I was pleased to have supported this provision and 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,

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THE HONORABLE HARLEY O. STAGGERS c/o UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENATIVES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Staggers:

This letter is in reference to the announced plans to cut general aviation fuel 40% to 50% . I urge you to consider the full measure of this proposal.

I understand general aviation uses 0.4 per cent of the consumed gasoline in the United States. GAMA chairman Russ Meyer says that a cut back such as proposed would result in an industry cut back of 40 to 60 percent and the loss of up to 100,000 jobs. Also many fixed base operators would be forced out of business.

I feel that asking general aviation to voluntarily cutback and conserve fuel would result in reasonable gasoline conservation and keep the aviation industry from economic disaster. I think it is unfair to cast such a hardship as the 50% cut on one industry. For these and many more reasons I urge you to support the Goldwater- Rooney amendment HR11450.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

JERRY L. WHALEN, D.D.S.

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