Joe:

Charlie
As a pointed reminder. All photographs that you are proposing for use in the National Energy Policy Development Group's Report must be submitted in either print, slide, or transparency format. If you don't have access to prints, slides, or transparencies, then you've got to select another image. And if that's the case, we need to know now and we need to know your completion date. A number of you have submitted prints from a digital file and that is not going to work.

I'd like a status by noon, Tuesday, April 10, 2001. Thanks.

Charlie
Charlie

Joe
All right, let's try this again. I believe last Friday, March 30, 2001, I requested the following:

Message follows:

Could you, by Monday noon, send me your Chapter(s) in the format that I requested on 3/26/01. As an example of what I'd like to see, I am attaching Treasury's latest submission.

We've got to start plugging in where graphics and photographs go in the chapters and seeing it laid out like that will help.

One last thing, please date your draft. That too will help.

Charlie
Joe
Margot

Some observations from John Howard re. chapter 6
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John L. Howard Jr.
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To: Charles M. Smith/OVP/EOP
Cc: Karen Y. Knutson/OVP/EOP
Subject: Ch. 6 -- energy efficiency

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:
ID: 488437
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 18, 2001
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: THE HONORABLE TIM HUTCHINSON
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510
SUBJECT: EXPRESSES SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT PROPOSED NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY AND SHARE A THOUGHTS ON ALLEVIATING THE ECONOMIC STRAIN CAUSED BY ENERGY SHORTAGES IN THE WESTERN STATES

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OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - THE WHITE HOUSE
DATE RECEIVED: 05/25/2001

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE TIM HUTCHINSON

SUBJECT: EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT PROPOSED NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY AND SHARE A THOUGHTS ON ALLEVIATING THE ECONOMIC STRAIN CAUSED BY ENERGY SHORTAGES IN THE WESTERN STATES

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June 6, 2001

Dear Tim:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing support for the Administration's National Energy Policy and recommending a few ideas that might alleviate high energy prices in the short term. The President certainly appreciates your concern and suggestions.

I have shared your letter with the President's energy policy advisors and the Energy Task Force who are formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close and careful attention.

Thanks again for your letter on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Tim Hutchinson
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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For Information: DP, DOE

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May 18, 2001

The Honorable George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you to express my strong support of your proposed National Energy Policy and to share with you a few thoughts on alleviating the economic strain caused by energy shortages in the western states.

While there is no doubt that a long-term solution is needed to provide for our nation's growing energy needs, and that increased and diversified production is the logical solution, I feel that it is important that we consider a few short-term measures to alleviate the astronomical prices being faced by consumers throughout our country. Such compassionate measures could diminish much of the negative rhetoric that has been circulating since the plan was made public. Partial relief from these high prices may also garner the grass-roots public support necessary for congressional approval of many of the long-term provisions of the plan.

Recently, I spoke with a constituent in Arkansas who proposed a one-year tax deduction for electricity costs in the western states. Under this proposal, yearly electricity costs in excess of the average total electricity costs for the past two years could be deducted from an individual’s income taxes. While mindful of the potential cost of this proposal, I think the concept has merit for specifically targeted areas where electricity costs have reached staggering levels that may force the poor and elderly citizens to make difficult financial decisions that may have health risks associated with them.

Please be assured of my continued commitment to working with the Administration and my colleagues in the Senate to win passage of much needed legislation to promote a responsible national energy policy. I thank you for your time and consideration, and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Tim Hutchinson
United States Senator

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 31, 2001

TO: PRESIDENT BUSH

FROM: THE HONORABLE TOM HARKIN
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, DC 20515

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO DIRECT THAT ALL FLEXIBLE-FUEL VEHICLES IN THE FEDERAL FLEET BE OPERATED WITH E-85 FUEL TO THE MAXIMUM EXTEND POSSIBLE AND TO EXTEND AND EXPAND THE $300 MILLION USDA BIO-BASED ENERGY INCENTIVE PROGRAM & DENY CALIFORNIA REQUEST FOR WA


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OFFICE OF RECORDS MANAGEMENT - THE WHITE HOUSE
June 12, 2001

Dear Senator Harkin:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting that the President increase the role of ethanol and biodiesel in our nation's fuel supply and that California's request for an oxygenate waiver be denied.

I have shared your letter with the President's energy policy advisors and the Energy Task Force who are formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close and careful attention.

Thanks again for your letter on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio  
Assistant to the President and  
Director of Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Tom Harkin  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Bcc w/ copy for appropriate action: VPDP  
For Information: DOE, AG-USDA, EPA
United States Senate
COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6000
202-224-2205
TTY/TDD 202-224-2587
May 31, 2001

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Apart from the longer-term debate about our nation's energy policy, there is an urgent need for immediate steps to address the huge runup in motor vehicle and other energy prices. Without a doubt, renewable energy sources like ethanol and biodiesel can play a substantial role in both the near term and the longer term in contributing to our nation's fuel supplies.

There are nearly 17,000 vehicles within the federal fleet capable of using what is called E-85 fuel (a mixture consisting of 85 percent ethanol, 15 percent gasoline). If at least half of these flexible-fuel vehicles were to use E-85 fuel instead of conventional or reformulated gasoline, that would free up millions of gallons of gasoline in a year's time. Therefore I urge you to direct that all flexible-fuel vehicles in the federal fleet be operated with E-85 fuel to the maximum extent possible. In addition, vehicles in the federal fleet that use diesel fuel should be directed to use biodiesel blends to the maximum extent possible.

To provide stronger incentives for ethanol production, I encourage your administration to extend and expand the $300 million USDA bio-based energy incentive program that was started by the previous administration. This program, which was created under the authority of the Secretary of Agriculture to manage surplus agricultural commodities, reimburses renewable fuel producers for a portion of the costs of the grain or oilseeds used to increase production. This program has been especially important to smaller, farmer-owned renewable fuel producers as they expand their production. Extending this program will give these renewable fuel producers additional support for increasing their output and thereby adding significantly to our nation's fuel supplies.

Finally, it is critically important that you resolve the long-standing issue of the California request to waive the oxygenate requirement of the Clean Air Act. There is no legal or scientific basis for the requested waiver and it should be denied. The oxygen standard has delivered clean air benefits, and it also provides an important opportunity for renewable fuel. We know that ethanol can replace MTBE in the California market. A denial of the waiver would pave the way
for ethanol producers to expand with confidence that the California market will grow to consume the additional ethanol they are well-positioned to produce.

Thank you for considering my views on these very important matters.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Harkin
Ranking Democratic Member
TO: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

ACTION REQUESTED: DIRECT REPLY W/COPY

DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:

ID: 483785
MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MAY 17, 2001
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: THE HONORABLE RUSS FEINGOLD
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: LISTS FIVE THINGS THE ADMINISTRATION CAN DO NOW TO ADDRESS HIGH ENERGY PRICES

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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE RUSS FEINGOLD

SUBJECT: LISTS FIVE THINGS THE ADMINISTRATION CAN DO NOW TO ADDRESS HIGH ENERGY PRICES

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KEEP THIS WORKSHEET ATTACHED TO THE ORIGINAL INCOMING LETTER AT ALL TIMES AND SEND COMPLETED RECORD TO RECORDS MANAGEMENT.
May 24, 2001

Dear Senator Feingold:

Thank you for your recent letter recommending five things that you feel the Administration should do to reduce the high price of energy. The President certainly appreciates your concern and suggestions.

I have shared your letter with the President's energy policy advisors and the Energy Task Force who are formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close and careful attention.

Thanks again for your letter on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Russell Feingold
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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May 17, 2001

The Honorable George W. Bush
President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Bush:

Today, you begin in earnest to seek to promote changes within your Administration and in federal law to establish a comprehensive national energy strategy. While I do not agree with every element of your strategy, I embrace and welcome this opportunity to work together to develop such a strategy which is acutely needed, and, indeed, overdue.

However, as you work with Congress over the 107th Session to refine and pass legislation to enact pieces of your long-term energy strategy, I believe your Administration can and must do more today to address the real suffering that high energy prices are imposing upon the people of Wisconsin and of the country. In my view, there are several things the Administration can and must do right now:

1. Use Federal authority to ensure production at refineries is not interrupted by power or repair problems. As you know, with gasoline stocks at low levels, refinery outages can cause extreme volatility in gasoline prices. The Administration has been aware of market tightness in gasoline supply in the Upper Midwest since January, when a major Midwest refiner announced it would close, reducing gasoline production by two million gallons per day. Today, gasoline prices have climbed to over $2.00 per gallon in certain areas of the Midwest. The Administration should be prepared to use federal authority to ensure that refineries are un-interruptible energy customers if blackouts and brownouts occur in western states. Such action will reduce the need for regional fuel shifting away from already constrained areas to assist the west, and should be prepared to aid refiners in keeping up and running this summer.

2. Insist that all segments of the gasoline supply chain maximize production and distribution of fuels of the needed quality and quantity. Though the Federal Trade Commission report on last summer’s price increases in Chicago and Milwaukee did not document technical violations of the Sherman Antitrust Act, it did report troubling evidence that some companies did not do all they could to help reduce acute consumer prices. As this Administration regards the current energy
situation as requiring a long term policy that needs the Wisconsin public's support, it should also press upon all market players that in times of high prices they should be doing all they can to supply needed fuels.

3. **Require Federal facilities to use available off-the-shelf energy efficiency technologies.** I am pleased that you have instituted efficiency measures at the federal level, and are considering more initiatives to develop long term efficiency strategies. However, more can be done in the short term to enhance efficiency of federal facility operations and to require vehicles in the Federal fleet that can use alternative fuel to do so. I have been pleased to cosponsor legislation authored by my Wisconsin colleague, Senator Kohl, which would create a federal energy bank in the Treasury to allow federal agencies to purchase off the shelf technologies immediately and repay the bank with their saved energy costs. For this summer, easily implemented efficiency measures should be adopted.

4. **Support appropriated programs to assist consumers and prepare for summer fund releases and high temperature situations.** You should act in the next two weeks to release emergency cooling funds from the Low Income Energy Assistance Program to states for the summer cooling season. In addition, this summer may require coordinated emergency response for areas that experience high temperatures, and the Department of Defense and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, as well, as other federal agencies, should be convened now to review plans for providing emergency shelter, water, power and cooling should that assistance be required.

5. **Continue diplomatic pressure on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to increase short term supply.** Even with a long-term strategy, the United States' continued relationship with OPEC nations is critical to short term supply. OPEC's market actions continue to be unfair, they would be illegal if undertaken in the United States, and our nation should respond appropriately and aggressively to their efforts to manipulate world oil prices.

Again, I appreciate your efforts to focus the nation on the importance of an energy strategy. I am committed to working with you on that goal, and I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

Russell D. Feingold

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DESCRIPTION OF INCOMING:
ID: 483740
MEDIAL: LETTER, DATED MAY 15, 2001
TO: PRESIDENT BUSH
FROM: THE HONORABLE PAUL WELLSTONE
UNITED STATES SENATE
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE COMMITMENT TO ENERGY CONSERVATION AND TO RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING WHEN HE ANNOUNCE THE ADMINISTRATION'S ENERGY PROPOSALS


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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE PAUL WELLSTONE

SUBJECT: URGES THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE A SUBSTANTIVE COMMITMENT TO ENERGY CONSERVATION AND TO RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING WHEN HE ANNOUNCE THE ADMINISTRATION'S ENERGY PROPOSALS

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May 23, 2001

Dear Senator Wellstone:

Thank you for your recent letter supporting energy conservation, as well as renewable energy development and funding. The President certainly appreciates your concern and suggestions.

I have shared your letter with the President's energy policy advisors and the Energy Task Force who are formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close and careful attention.

Thanks again for your letter on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President and Director of Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Paul Wellstone
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
May 23, 2001

Dear Senator Dayton:

Thank you for your recent letter supporting energy conservation, as well as renewable energy development and funding. The President certainly appreciates your concern and suggestions.

I have shared your letter with the President’s energy policy advisors and the Energy Task Force who are formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close and careful attention.

Thanks again for your letter on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Calio
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Mark Dayton
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
May 15, 2001

The Honorable George W. Bush
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

In advance of your appearance in Minnesota this week to announce the Administration’s energy proposals, we are writing to urge you strongly to make a substantive commitment to energy conservation, as well as to renewable energy development and funding.

Your Budget for fiscal year 2002 proposed cutting federal funding for renewable energy research and development by 50 percent, and it proposed cutting funding for energy conservation research and development by 46 percent. It further proposed cutting by 48 percent the federal energy management program, which seeks both to conserve energy and to reduce federal costs through “advancing energy and water conservation” in the government’s own buildings, vehicles and operations. You now have an opportunity to recommend restoring these cuts through the Vice President’s task force report. We hope you will do so.

Investments in conservation and renewable energy development have never been more important, particularly for a state such as Minnesota, which is situated at the consuming end of the pipeline for non-renewable fossil fuels. Contrary to the widely reported suggestion by the Vice President that conservation is little more than “a sign of personal virtue,” a recent report by scientists at our national laboratories concluded that improved energy efficiency could reduce growth in electricity demand by nearly 50 percent. Furthermore, wind power in Minnesota, currently producing electricity for three to six cents per kilowatt-hour, is competitive with the cost of electricity from new coal-fired power plants, which appear to be favored by the Vice President’s task force. Through additional research and development investments, it has been estimated that the price of Minnesota wind power could go as low as 2.5 cents a kilowatt hour within a few years. Development of such renewable energy sources promotes keeping capital investments in Minnesota, rather than continuing to rely on the importation of what is now approximately $6 billion worth of coal, oil and nuclear fuel each year. Renewable energy production from wind and biomass also helps boost Minnesota rural communities economically. Creating jobs in home-grown, forward-looking, innovative industries is key to the prosperity of Greater Minnesota, where the farm economy continues to struggle under low commodity prices and poor federal agriculture policy.

Minnesota is a national leader in the development of renewable fuels, such as biodiesel and ethanol - increasingly important sources of transportation fuel. Ethanol production in Minnesota already
exceeds 250 million gallons a year. As the state’s 14 farmer-owned cooperative ethanol plants continue to invest in value-added processing, production is expected to top 300 million gallons this year. Ethanol and biodiesel fuels reduce dependence on imported petroleum products, improve air quality and help revitalize the rural economy. As in the separate, bipartisan letter sent to your Administration today by a number of Senators, we again urge you to include among your proposals a recommendation to utilize biofuels to meet at least 3 percent of the nation’s motor fuel market within 10 years.

We understand that these recommendations may not be looked upon favorably by oil, coal or utility industry leaders. However, we believe they are central to any forward-looking and balanced long-term energy strategy. Clean supply-side technologies should be combined with conservation to address our current over-reliance on non-renewable energy sources. Mr. President, we hope that we can find common ground to establish sound, sustainable, affordable energy policy for Minnesota and for the country’s future.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Wellstone
United States Senator

Mark Dayton
United States Senator

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