May 23, 2001

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

Dear Mr. President:

As members concerned about the energy crisis that is deepening in the Western United States, we would like to call to your attention additional measures that will help ameliorate electricity shortages anticipated this summer.

Experts widely believe that there will not be enough new generation online this summer to meet demand. Current estimates show that during these summer months California alone may experience shortages of 3,000 to 6,000 megawatts, which will likely lead to wider and longer-lasting rolling blackouts. Power supplies elsewhere in the Western region will be also extremely tight. And expected drought conditions will curtail generation capabilities while heat conditions will add to demand.

Your Executive Order directing Federal facilities to take conservation measures will help reduce energy usage and is, in our view, an important first step in fashioning near term solutions. But we strongly believe the federal government can and should do more.

The Department of Defense, for example, can further reduce its reliance on the civilian electric grid. It is the largest single consumer of electricity in California, accounting for about one percent or 420 megawatts of the state's peak load. According to a General Accounting Office (GAO) study completed at our request, the Department could immediately provide between 16 MW and 90 MW of additional generation capacity.

Based on the GAO findings, we ask that the Department of Defense provide additional assistance in mitigating some of the impacts of this energy crisis in three ways:

First, the military should fully utilize all of the on-site power plants located on western military bases in order to decrease demand on the western power grid. As a result of work requested by Congress, the GAO has identified about 16 MW of available generation which is not fully utilized (13.4 MW natural gas-fired and 2.6 MW diesel
fueled; 16 MW is available from 5 power plants: Vandenberg, Onizuka and Beale Air Force Bases and Naval Air Station North Island) out of the total of about 109 MW located across the West. With the dire predictions of summer shortages, it is imperative that the military take all necessary steps to make this generating capacity available to California.

Second, the Department should conserve energy, in all forms, this summer across the West by eliminating all non-essential activities that do not jeopardize mission preparedness or public health and safety. Reduced energy consumption by the military could benefit the electricity market by reducing overall demand. This reduced consumption could increase the amount of supplemental energy available from military-owned power plants, above and beyond the 16 MW identified by GAO.

Third, the Department should develop a plan to deploy available mobile generation facilities, estimated by GAO to equal about 74 MW of capacity, in the event of a serious energy emergency this summer. This plan should: (1) assure that units remain available for deployment to California in least-cost ways; (2) identify and prepare sites and interconnection facilities to permit their operation in environmentally and operationally optimal ways; (3) coordinate with the California Independent System Operator (ISO) to develop operational and management agreements to provide the ISO with maximum flexibility; (4) summarize actions required by the state and federal government to deploy and provide compensation for the use of these units; and (5) develop environmental proposals or arrangements to allow these facilities to be used in the state.

While these measures will not solve the energy crisis, the additional energy saved and generated can help reduce and prevent electricity disruptions in the West this summer.

Mr. President, this a matter of great urgency, and we request that you implement these recommendations immediately by Executive Order.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]

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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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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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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

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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. I therefore 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 oils 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

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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
Mr. Andrew Lundquist  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Energy Task Force  
Forrestal Building  
1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

Dear Mr. Lundquist:

I am extending an invitation for you to join me in Midland, Texas, during the July District Work Period when I will be meeting with local oil and gas producers to discuss President Bush's National Energy Policy. This portion of my district is in the heart of the oil patch and would be excited to hear from you about the National Energy Policy, and in particular, the NEPD Group recommendation to the Secretaries of Energy and the Interior to promote enhanced oil and gas recovery from existing wells through new technology. Like many of the fields in the U.S., those in the Permian Basin region are mature and declining, but operators there are already doing much to keep existing wells productive. I believe the meeting, and especially your participation, would be a good opportunity to exchange information about enhanced oil and gas recovery efforts and technologies, and how they can help the U.S. meet its energy needs.

I would be glad to work with you if you are interested in a mutually agreeable date to travel to Midland. Please contact Shanna Brown of my staff to indicate whether you will be able to join me, or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry Combest
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

For Information: CEQ

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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 refineries 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
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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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Mr. Andrew Lundquist  
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Energy Task Force  
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1000 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20001

June 18, 2001

Dear Mr. Lundquist:

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Sincerely,

Larry Combest
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

010524
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.

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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
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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

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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
May 23, 2001

Dear Senator Bingaman:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the price of gasoline and five steps you feel the Administration could take to reduce the price 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 Jeff Bingaman
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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

May 10, 2001

Dear Mr. President:

We are concerned that with gasoline stocks at low levels and no end in sight for high crude oil prices, problems such as refinery outages or pipeline disruptions could cause extreme volatility in gasoline prices. The Administration has been aware of this problem since January, when a major Midwest refiner announced it would close, reducing gasoline production by two million gallons a day. Today, gasoline prices have already climbed to over $2.00 a gallon in certain areas of the Midwest.

It was not until April 27 that the Secretary of Energy wrote to members of Congress regarding the risk of price spikes in the gasoline market due to below-average levels of gasoline stocks. Unfortunately, the Secretary did not propose any actions that could avert or even ameliorate this potential crisis. While oil producers continue to experience record profits, the average American consumer will suffer from high prices at the gas pump.

In this light, it was particularly disturbing to hear Vice President Cheney indicate, once again, that he does not believe there is anything the Administration can do about gasoline prices this summer.

In our view, there are at least 5 things that the Administration can do right now:

• Develop a streamlined system of gasoline specifications to ensure flexibility in the market.

• Use Federal authority to ensure production at refineries is not curtailed during rolling blackouts.

• Require vehicles in the Federal fleet that can use alternative fuels to use those fuels.

• Insist that all segments of the gasoline supply chain maximize production and distribution of fuels of the needed quality.

• Ensure the Energy Information Administration has adequate resources to provide timely data on energy markets.
We would like to know what actions the Administration is planning to take, in the short term, to address rising gasoline prices in various regions of the country. Not only is it important that the Energy Department keep everyone informed about rising energy costs this summer, we believe it is the Administration’s responsibility to proactively develop a strategy to alleviate this looming problem.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future regarding your gasoline price strategy and would be pleased to work with you on its implementation.

Sincerely,

[Signatures]
May 23, 2001

Dear Mr. Leader:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the price of gasoline and five steps you feel the Administration could take to reduce the price 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 Thomas Daschle
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
May 23, 2001

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the price of gasoline and five steps you feel the Administration could take to reduce the price 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 Charles Schumer
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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May 23, 2001

Dear Senator Reid:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the price of gasoline and five steps you feel the Administration could take to reduce the price 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 Harry Reid
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
May 23, 2001

Dear Evan:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the price of gasoline and five steps you feel the Administration could take to reduce the price 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 Evan Bayh
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
May 23, 2001

Dear Senator Nelson:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the price of gasoline and five steps you feel the Administration could take to reduce the price 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 Ben Nelson
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Kerry:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the price of gasoline and five steps you feel the Administration could take to reduce the price 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 John Kerry
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
May 23, 2001

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the price of gasoline and five steps you feel the Administration could take to reduce the price in the short term. The President certainly appreciates your concern and suggestions.

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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 Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
May 23, 2001

Dear Senator Graham:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the price of gasoline and five steps you feel the Administration could take to reduce the price in the short term. The President certainly appreciates your concern and suggestions.

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Sincerely,

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

The Honorable Bob Graham
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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May 23, 2001

Dear Senator Cantwell:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the price of gasoline and five steps you feel the Administration could take to reduce the price in the short term. The President certainly appreciates your concern and suggestions.

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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 Maria Cantwell
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
May 23, 2001

Dear Senator Murray:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the price of gasoline and five steps you feel the Administration could take to reduce the price 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 Patty Murray
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
May 23, 2001

Dear Senator Dayton:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the price of gasoline and five steps you feel the Administration could take to reduce the price 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 Mark Dayton
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510
May 23, 2001

Dear Tom:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the price of gasoline and five steps you feel the Administration could take to reduce the price in the short term. The President certainly appreciates your concern and suggestions.

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Nicholas E. Calio
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Director of Legislative Affairs

The Honorable Thomas Carper
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510