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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

I bring to your attention the attached *New York Times* article of June 9, 2008. As you can see, my entire district of southern and eastern Kentucky is facing enormous financial hardship, with 10-16 percent of take-home income devoted to skyrocketing gas prices. This situation is simply untenable for rural, working families in Kentucky and requires the House of Representatives' immediate attention.

The failure of the House to consider meaningful energy legislation that both reduces our demand for foreign oil and increases our refinery capacity is now crippling the ability of my constituents to provide for basic needs like medicine and food. Rural areas face unique challenges including high transportation costs, wage deflation, and access to jobs. For this reason, I strongly encourage you to immediately bring to the Floor legislation that expands domestic oil and natural gas exploration, encourages coal-to-liquids development, and removes burdensome restrictions on refinery construction.

Madam Speaker, our ability as a nation to compete in the global market and remain competitive hinges on our mobility. I stand ready to work with you to address this urgent need with leadership and action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hal Rogers". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Hal" and "Rogers" being capitalized and prominent.

HAROLD ROGERS
Member of Congress