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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ANNE WEXLER *AW*
HAMILTON JORDAN *H.J.*
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SUBJECT:

RECEIPT OF ENERGY POSTCARDS FROM THE UAW

As you will recall the UAW stopped work briefly a few weeks ago to address cards to the Congress and to you calling for prompt action on energy. During the afternoon of September 18 the UAW would like to deliver one million postcards addressed to you. A copy of the postcard is attached. Identical postcards are being delivered to the Congress.

Although the postcards call for a national oil and gas company operating on Federal lands, the postcard is otherwise consistent with your proposals. Of course, the UAW still opposes decontrol, but this is not dealt with in this particular campaign.

The UAW has agreed to treat the program as one highlighting the need for action on energy, particularly the windfall profits tax. The press concerning the work stoppage treated the program as a call for action on energy and did not indicate that it was in any way opposed to the Administration's proposals.

We recommend that you personally receive the one million postcards which the UAW will deliver to the White House after 2:30 p.m. on September 18. The new Executive Council of the Energy Coordinating Committee concurs. The event should involve only about 10 minutes of your time.

Approve

Disapprove

Ask Vice President Mondale



Dear Congressman:



I am fed up with being ripped off by the oil companies and OPEC, and the lack of an effective energy program. When Congress returns to session, I want them to:

1. Assure the basic needs for gasoline, heating oil, natural gas and electricity can be met at reasonable prices;
2. Enact a strong windfall profits tax;
3. Take control of oil imports, and
4. Create a public corporation to produce oil and gas on Federal lands to provide competition for the oil monopolies.

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Address _____

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Dear Member,

The energy crisis has put our job security in jeopardy. When people can't find gasoline—when they have to pay outrageous prices for the gas they do find—our jobs are in danger. America's economic well-being is threatened by the actions of the irresponsible and greedy OPEC oil cartel, and by the rich oil lobby's efforts to deregulate the cost of oil. You and I know it's a ripoff. Unfortunately, most Americans don't think they can have an impact on the President or Congress, we believe we can.

We can stop the energy ripoff. We can stop it if we simply exercise our power in a democratic society. We can make ourselves heard loud and clear today. Put down your tools and pick up your pens. Demand an effective energy program for America. Standing together, we in the UAW can help point the way out of our energy crisis.

Fraternally,

Congressman _____

House Office Bldg.

Washington, D.C. 20515

Senator _____

Senate Office Bldg.

Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator _____

Senate Office Bldg.

Washington, D.C. 20510

President Jimmy Carter

White House

Washington, D.C. 20500

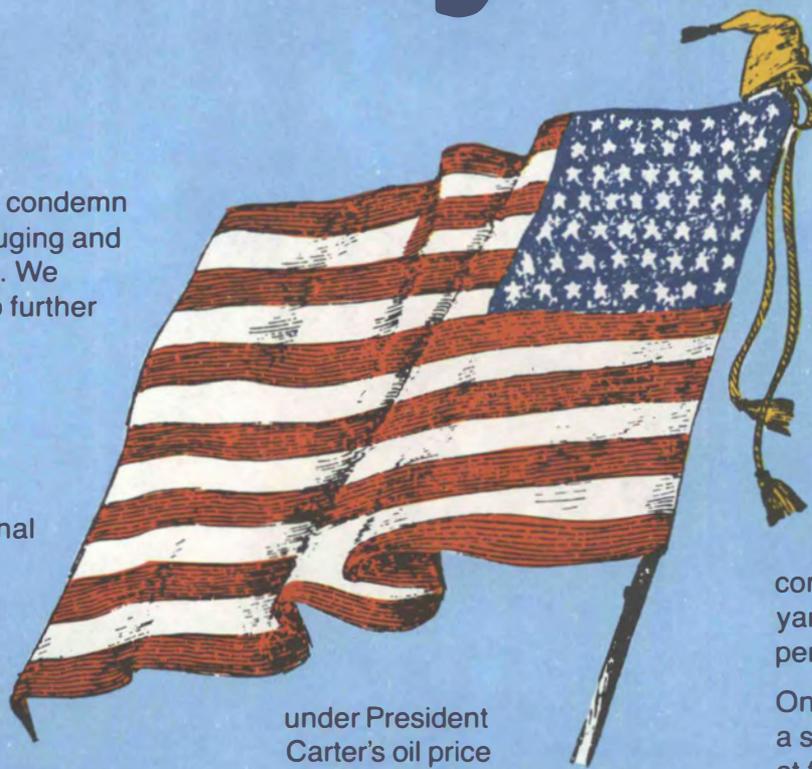
Help Stop Oil Ripoffs and Build a New American Energy Program.

It's not enough to condemn Big Oil's price gouging and rigged shortages. We need to go a step further and enact the beginnings of a People's Energy Program.

That's the whole point of the national "Write In" the UAW has scheduled for Aug. 22 in every plant where the union represents workers.

That day, UAW members will put down their tools and pick up their pens for a few moments, and fill out postcards to President Carter and Congress. They'll demand an end to oil company ripoffs and an adequate supply of energy at reasonable prices through:

*** A strong windfall profits tax.** Amid all the gasoline shortages this spring, Big Oil's profits soared 55% to 149% higher than a year ago. Even fatter profits are due



under President Carter's oil price decontrol plan. A hefty tax on this windfall would generate billions of dollars for a crash program to assure adequate energy supplies.

*** Public control of oil imports.** Today our purchases from OPEC and other foreign oil producers are handled by private U.S. oil companies. The government must take control of imports through sealed bidding and other means.

*** A public oil corporation.**

About 16% of the oil drilled in this country comes from public lands. A public corporation should be created to explore for, drill, and refine this oil. While assuring more reliable supplies, such a corporation would also compete with private oil

companies and give us a yardstick to measure their performance.

Only one corporation can assure a steady, sufficient flow of energy at fair prices. It's a corporation with over 210 million stockholders, and it's called the U.S. government.

Isn't it time we, the stockholders, told our government to get moving?



**Put Down Your
Tools & Pick Up
Your Pen.**

**UAW National
"Write-In"
Wed. Aug. 22**