

August 2, 1977

Honorable Charles Rangel, Member, U.S. House of Representatives 2432 RHOB Washington, DC 20515

Dear Charlie:

The attached proposed amendment to the Energy Legislation (HR8444) is in response to the Congressional Black Caucus request for assistance in this area.

I spoke with your Aide, Bill Signer, about the problems of its lateness. However, we think it's important enough to try and get a commitment for support in conference from key House members prior to the completion of deliberations of HR8444 before the summer recess.

If you can get it in the hopper, we will create the necessary legislative history to back it up. We have a similar request for assistance from the Senate side and the White House. If you and the Congressional Black Caucus support the approach taken in our proposed amendment, we will run the same piece in those areas.

We await your comments and direction.

Sincerely,

Phil Watson, Program Manager

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Attachment

CC: Mitchell Williams Burke