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Dear Congressman Mitchell:

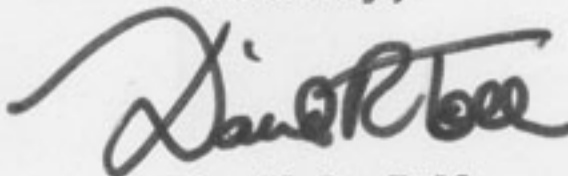
In yesterday's New York Times I noticed an item stating that you plan to discuss President Carter's energy program at the meeting of the Congressional Black Caucus tomorrow. The news item states that you are concerned with the higher gasoline and automobile taxes, and with certain aspects of the insulation program included in the President's package.

We are also greatly concerned with those aspects of the President's proposal which would increase significantly the cost of electricity to U. S. consumers, particularly the working poor. The President's proposal would levy heavy taxes on the use of oil and gas as a boiler fuel, greatly increasing costs to consumers, often at times when there is no alternative fuel available. In addition, the President's proposal would require installation of extremely costly and unreliable "scrubbers" on coal-fired plants, even when ambient air quality (health) standards can be met without such equipment.

I hope that the Congressional Black Caucus will consider the above matters, particularly the excessive environmental restrictions on the use of coal as a fuel. These provisions, unless amended, will drastically increase the cost of electricity to U. S. consumers, and will unnecessarily limit future energy growth and jobs.

At your convenience, I would welcome the opportunity to provide experts from the electric utility industry to furnish additional facts and analyses in support of the points I have tried to make in this letter.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Larry Young

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