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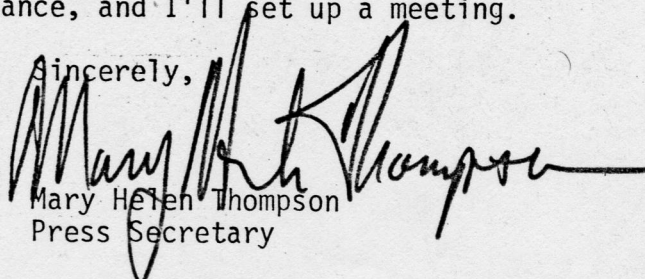
Dear Mr. Weaver:

I really appreciated your very concise explanation of the Omnibus energy package passed by the Banking Committee last week. I must admit that your evaluation of the bill helped me to understand it better!

As you know, there is a battle taking shape between the proponents of Synfuels, and those, like my boss, who prefer a strong commitment to conservation and renewables. The enclosed press release will give you some indication of Tsongas' efforts in shaping the Banking bill.

Tsongas has some unique insights on the entire energy situation in the Senate. I hope that you will come and chat with him soon. Just let me know a day or so in advance, and I'll set up a meeting.

Sincerely,



Mary Helen Thompson
Press Secretary

Note: We are introducing the Community Energy Block Grant Program this week which will be a major grant program to fund energy conservation and renewable resource planning and programs at the local level. We may have a press briefing on this and other Tsongas energy initiative Thursday. I'll let you know.