

MEMO: Accomplishments (or lack there-of)
TO: Dennis
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With the continuing cut backs in the energy budget, not many things to report. Mostly keeping some state reps & senators' offices updated on the gas decontrol progress, conservation & solar bank regs progress, tax credits for energy conservation & renewables. A number of individual (not nursing homes, etc.) cases on fuel assistance usually ABCD or CTI where we got extra money. My best Ec. Dev. energy one has been sent to Mitch in detail (Merix Corp.). An old case not written up before was an Alternative Fuels feasibility study that won an award but was not funded because Reagan stopped the money. This has resurfaced and we'll be working on it. Problem is that the corporate headquarters in MA, the attorney involved works with John Zamperelli, but the study site is in Maine. No MA jobs involved.

NEEDay training conference 2-5-83. Office did a mailing and assisted students and Advisory Committee. We read a letter from PET and had an information table at the conference.

Roslindale Fair Share 4-11-83. Gave message from PET on Nat. Gas decontrol and he was warmly applauded for his position.

Northampton Handicapped Services Committee Fair April 15 to May 14. Letter was read from PET at opening ceremonies 4-14 by Mayor Musante. I went to training session 4-21 and worked as a volunteer May 4. Letter to Editor from Mayor commended volunteers including Tsongas staff. (5-23-83)

Several special IRS cases, but nothing for newsprint. Same with housing, workers comp., jobs, education, etc.

Peter and I are currently working on some developments due to HUD actions affecting several areas of the State. I will be going to the hearings being held by Cong. Frank & Moakley in Brookline Aug. 1. At least 20 households have contacted us on this and have been told that IF legislative action is required, Tsongas would work with the Cong. to resolve the issue. Peter & Doug were checked.

January '83 newsletter generated approx. 1000 requests for IRS booklet

Spring '83 labor special - approx. 400+ for Student loans, consumer, and growing veggies booklets

Spring '83 regular edition - as of now 658 requests of the same

I was pleased that I saw the JET magazine article on the Black historic church which may have set into motion the end result of publicizing PET joining to get money now.

P.S. DO YOU HAVE 4 PGS on stuff from your original request? If not let me know & I'll send.