

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, April 12, 2001.

Hon. JOHN D. DINGELL,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DINGELL: Thank you for your recent letter regarding a petition to the International Trade Commission on behalf of the domestic steel industry, under Section 201 of the Trade Act of 1974, to seek temporary relief from injurious imports.

I have shared your letter with the President's advisors and the appropriate agencies who have been formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close and careful attention.

Thanks again.
Sincerely,

NICHOLAS E. CALIO,
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, April 12, 2001.

Hon. JOHN D. DINGELL,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DINGELL: Thank you for your recent letter regarding coastal erosion.

I have shared your letter with the President's advisors and the appropriate agencies who have been formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close and careful attention.

Thanks again.
Sincerely,

NICHOLAS E. CALIO,
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, April 18, 2001.

Hon. JOHN D. DINGELL,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DINGELL: Thank you for your recent letter regarding funding for a new sewer overflow grant program which was authorized in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for FY 2001. I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter.

I have shared your letter with the President's advisors and the appropriate agencies who have been formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close and careful attention.

Thanks again.
Sincerely,

NICHOLAS E. CALIO,
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, June 5, 2001.

Hon. JOHN D. DINGELL,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DINGELL: Thank you for your recent letter regarding funding for the ongoing litigation against tobacco industry.

I have shared your letter with the President's advisors and the appropriate agencies who have been formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close and careful attention.

Thanks again.
Sincerely,

NICHOLAS E. CALIO,
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, June 5, 2001.

Hon. JOHN D. DINGELL,
House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE DINGELL: Thank you for your recent letter regarding the recently implemented medical privacy standards mandated by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and issued by the Department of Health and Human Services in 2000.

I have shared your letter with the President's advisors and the appropriate agencies who have been formulating policy recommendations in this area. Your comments are receiving their close and careful attention.

Thanks again.
Sincerely,

NICHOLAS E. CALIO,
Assistant to the President and
Director of Legislative Affairs.

TRIBUTE TO MIKE FENNEL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. REYNOLDS) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. REYNOLDS. Madam Speaker, in sports today, words like courage and character, leadership and perseverance are used so frequently they have become almost cliché. Sometimes, though, a story emerges that rekindles our faith in the indomitable will of the human spirit, which proves a sports figure can embody all those traits and more, and which inspires not only a team but an entire community. Such is the case in a story of Mike Fennell, coach of the McQuaid Jesuit High School baseball team in Rochester, New York.

One week ago, Mike coached the Knights to their first section v baseball championship in 20 years. It was the 250th victory of his coaching career, the team's fourth championship game in 5 years, and Coach Fennell's first sectional title. Indeed, these accomplishments are worthy of note, but they are even more remarkable considering just days before the championship game in Rochester's Frontier Field, Mike Fennell was in a hospital bed recovering from yet another surgery in his valiant crusade against non-smoker's lung cancer.

Since his diagnosis in November, Mike has faced this disease bravely, stubbornly, and even with a good dose of humor. His struggle has been so valiant and inspiring that following Mike's hair loss, resulting from ongoing chemotherapy, the McQuaid Knights wanted to do something special to show their support, love, and respect for their ailing coach, and that is when the team, led by pitcher Mike Lewis and catcher Paul Knittle, decided to shave their own heads.

A baseball standout at Fairport High School and Le Moyne College, Mike spent several years in the New York Yankee farm clubs, but the leadership and inspiration Mike has shown these past few months transcend any sport or championship. During the trophy pres-

entation, still weak from his chemo treatments, Mike shunned his walker that his wife, Erin, and nurse, Patty Messina, wanted him to use to make the trek from the dugout to home plate. He would make that walk the same way he has faced his disease, through faith, determination, and sheer will.

Mike Fennell has shown each of us how to face adversity, both bravely and proudly. He has shown us the strength to endure, even when doctors and his own body want him to stop. Most importantly, he has shown us there is nothing quite so tenacious and unbreakable as a human spirit.

Madam Speaker, I ask this Congress to join me in saluting a hero and a champion, Coach Mike Fennell.

NO INVESTIGATION NECESSARY?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, to depart a little bit from my energy outrage day to day, where yesterday I revealed that Duke Power had charged \$3,800 a megawatt hour last winter in California, 100 times the price of 2 years ago, to point to a little growing problem of dissension on the majority side of the aisle.

Republican conference chairman, the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. WATTS), has called on the Committee on Energy and Commerce to schedule hearings on the volatile prices facing energy consumers. I quote:

We need to get answers from energy companies, executives, including producers, suppliers, refiners, transporters, distributors, retailers, with the goals of finding solutions to these price fluctuations and bringing price stability to the public.

Unfortunately, he is being overruled. The majority leader, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ARMEY), says he is opposed to committee hearings to look at allegations of price gouging, that is a quote, by the energy industry. He says it is cheap political demagoguery. That is another quote.

Well, let us look a little bit at the record. Of course the majority leader does represent Texas, and ExxonMobil did see their profits up 102 percent last year. Americans certainly see it at the gas pump every single day where they are being price-gouged. They had \$15.9 billion, "B," billion dollars of profit, up 102 percent in one year. But, no, there is nothing to investigate. There is no market manipulation going on here. An increase of profits of 102 percent a year? Why, that is normal.

Okay, maybe it is. Let us go and look at the natural gas market. El Paso Energy, also based in Texas, where the majority leader hales from, they had profits of \$1.2 billion last year. A relatively small company; only \$1.2 billion in profits. Of course, their profits were up 381 percent in 1 year. An awful lot of Americans saw that in their natural gas bills this winter when they