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Mr. Paul E. Healy
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Dear Mr. Healy:

Thank you for expressing your views on numerous actions taken or expected to be taken by Secretary of the Interior James Watt. I appreciate your comments on this matter of mutual interest.

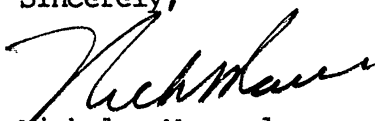
As you are well aware, Mr. Watt has embarked upon a path of ignoring, or in some cases, emasculating the countless environmental protection laws and regulations that many Members of Congress and the public have worked hard to put into place. Many of Mr. Watt's actions will have far-reaching ramifications for the ecological health of our nation for generations. Unfortunately, he simply does not see that the exploitation of our air, water, and land for monetary gain is an injustice.

Earlier this year, Secretary Watt expressed a desire to attain greater productivity from our national forests and wildlife areas. I feel it is a grievous error to pursue this ill-conceived objective. I have long been a proponent of environmental and conservation efforts. The posture adopted by the Department of the Interior under Secretary Watt is not consistent with these sentiments.

I firmly support the policies this country has developed for managing the protection of our natural resources. They need to be strengthened, not weakened. You can be assured that when legislative proposals dealing with environmental and conservation issues come before the House for consideration, I will be voting against any legislation that promotes or condones anti-environmental causes.

Again, I appreciate your comments on this important matter. I look forward to hearing from you again on other issues of concern to you.

Sincerely,


Nicholas Mavroules
Member of Congress

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Comm. from Congressman Nicholas Mavroules
re: resolution concerning Secretary of
the Interior James Watt.

In City Council,

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