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*Paul Hensley
for
concern*

IN MY MESSAGE TO THE NATION ON OUR ENERGY OUTLOOK, I
INDICATED THE KINDS OF ACTION THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
WILL BE TAKING TO ACHIEVE OUR NATIONAL GOALS.

ONE MEASURE WHICH I HAVE TAKEN TODAY BY PRESIDENTIAL
DIRECTIVE IS TO ORDER THAT NO FEDERAL VEHICLE SHALL BE
OPERATED AT SPEEDS OVER 50 MILES PER HOUR EXCEPT IN CASE OF
EMERGENCY. I AM ASKING THAT YOU AND YOUR FELLOW LEADERS OF
STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT DO LIKEWISE TO THE EXTENT OF YOUR
AUTHORITY. BY REDUCING THE SPEED WHICH OUR AUTOMOBILES TRAVEL TO
50 MILES PER HOUR NATIONALLY, WE CAN ACHIEVE ENERGY SAVINGS
APPROACHING ONE-QUARTER MILLION BARRELS OF FUEL PER DAY.

FURTHER, I AM ASKING CONGRESS FOR EMERGENCY POWERS
WHICH WILL **INCLUDE** AUTHORITY TO REDUCE THE AUTOMOBILE SPEED
LIMIT TO 50 MILES PER HOUR ON ALL INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS. YOUR
COOPERATION AND LEADERSHIP ARE ESSENTIAL IF WE ARE TO ACHIEVE
OUR FUEL CONSERVATION GOALS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN THIS MATTER OF VITAL
CONCERN TO ALL AMERICANS.

SINCERELY

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Comm. from the President of the United
States requesting the council to take
steps to lowering the speed limit of
automobile to 50 MPH.

In City Council,

Nov. 12, 1973

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