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Dear Sir,

Mr. President, Congress once again you are looking out for No.1. Voted yourselves and staff handsome raises. aloud the higher grade government workers to get the larger chunk in the October raises while the middle and low grade employees who do the great majority of the work, get the shaft. Now you want to charge us for parking. How considerate, we'll all pay the same price regardless of grade, except No.1 (Mr. President, Congress and Postal Employees). It really must be nice to be Special People in a Democratic Society where you who make the most sit back and watch the little people scrounge for every nickle and dime to make ends meet.

Mr. President, you want us to cut back on driving by taking a bus, train, subway or airplane. That would be nice and more comfortable if the people paid for my trips like we're paying for yours and whomever else. Your trips to Georgia, Camp David and Snake River, just to mention a few. Why don't you stay home and save the taxpayers some money!

Why don't you make it mandatory that the "Big Executives" not be chauffeured to and from work! Let them get carpools, catch buses and subways. That would save the American people right there, but you won't.

I already pay Federal Taxes for government property, now you want to bill me for being a government employee. I didn't realize the price you have to pay just to work for the government. Is it really worth it? You certainly don't get the raises that equal to Industry.

It's time the No.1 guys set a good example instead of passing the buck. I realize this would pose a hardship for most, but suffer a little. You seem to forget the little people once you get "power." We are the ones who put you where you are today. Actually you are proving to me that it is useless to spend my gas and valuable time to vote for anyone because you eventually get slapped in the face by the very same people you put into office. It is a shame more of us weren't born with a silver spoon in our mouths.

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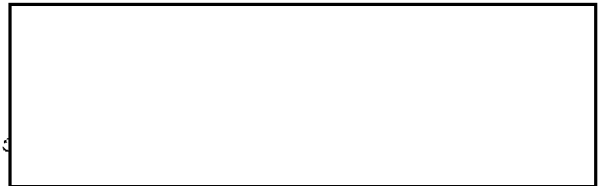
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I can hardly make ends meet now. I can not get a promotion, how are we to pay for this added expense? Have you ever had the frustrations of coming by bus to work? From upper north-west Washington, D.C. you have to transfer three times. If the bus is full they won't stop, and you will be passed by two or three times before you are able to get on bus. By the time you get to a Metro Train Station, you may have just missed a train or it is too full so you wait for the next one. By that time, you have missed your Virginia bus. If you don't get the scheduled bus you must walk into CIA compound from route 123. By this time you are late for work and your blood pressure is so high you are not fit to work.

What is the tax money we are paying being used for?



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I do not feel it is fair for any one employee to pay for parking when the price of gasoline is such that it is crippling to us all. I do not want to feel deprived when most of my money goes for traveling to and from work. There are no bus routes from where I live. To comply with a carpool, one must either change their hours and find someone that lives right in your area. I would drive in a carpool, but because of a small child at home, I cannot change my hours. The American consumer pays enough out as it is, to enforce a regulation to pay for parking is unfair! If it is to be enforced, I believe a rate based upon salary is valid.



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My salary is not enough to pay for parking and the continuous increase in gasoline prices. I would not be able to use public transportation at the hour that I must report to work.

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I, a tax paying citizen and an employce of the federal government, am opposed to charged rate parking for government employees on federal property. Low grade employees should not be required to pay for parking privileges equivalent to upper grades. As a low grade employce ^{or MUST} work to support myself (I have no other means of support except my job) any added expense now will definitely impose a hardship upon me, because of the high cost of living.

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" Paying for parking here is going to be a hardship for those employee's in a low income bracket. Especially now with the gas going up like it is. Like alot of people do not have any other choice, but drive. There isn't any transportation out their way. Its going to make a big hole in alot of pockets, and they aren't going to like it. Unless they form car pools. Alot of times that can be a big hassle also.



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My carpool will not drive, if we have to pay for parking. This would mean that I would have to try to make it on a bus from Oxon Hill, Md. This would cost lots of time that I don't have, and lots of flustration I don't need. example: It will require my babysitter to have to come at 6:30 a.m. I don't know if this is possible. Also if I go by public transportation, I would have to take 2 buses and the subway. The problem is getting to work on time. I would have to wait for the babysitter to arrive, then walk out of my complex to the nearest bus stop. There is always the possibility that you will not make the connections, therefore, miss the Virginia bus. I strongly oppose to paying for parking.

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I feel that the President policy to charge employees for parking is a slap in the face. In the past, federal workers have been given cost of living increases that were less than the actual increase in the cost of living. This meant that we were falling behind, but the President felt the federal government had to set an example to hold down inflation. While we have been setting examples other workers (police, fire, postal, teachers, truckers, rubber, field hands, etc.) have been on strike or threatened strikes to get all they can. Even congress gave themselves a substantial pay raise not long ago. and just recently passed a rule which would allow them to make more money from outside sources while they are suppose to be working for us.

We are already the victims of inflation , so why should we bear the brunt of the President policy. The heads of the various federal agencies just recently ordered their new^{govt} supplied cars, none of which were pintos, chevett~~s~~ or other economy cars. I fail to see how this will save the tax payers or utilize public~~ty~~ transportation.

The President's actions are inconsistent with his own policy. The President appeared on national TV to ask the America people to conserve. He suggested we should cut down on the amount we drive, about 12 miles per-week. The same week he took a trip (don't remember where) and spent the weekend at Camp David,

since then he has vacationed in Ga., and spent additional weekends at Camp David. Once again I fail to see any cost saving to the tax payers.

I have been carpooling since 1968. I live in a area where there is no public transportation, so carpooling is my only alternative. If paid parking is mandatory, my only chose is to pay since there are no other parking areas around HQS except our own ~~lot~~ ^{lot} which we the tax payers have already paid for. GSA does not have a record of saving taxpayers money and I doubt if we taxpayers will benefit from their administration of paid parking lots. On several occasions I have abandoned my carpool to work irregular hours. This has been necessary to complete special projects in addition to our regular work. With pay parking, I will have to pay two parking fees, one as a member of a carpool and one because I had to come in alone to accomodate the needs of the office.

If the President wants to solve the energy problem, why is he waiting for the oil companies to find more oil or an alternative? If I was in the drilling business, owned a fleet of tankers, and oil refineries and was still making profits I wouldn't be developing an alternative.

The President should remember that not all federal workers are super grades with high salaries to cushion the impact of paid parking. I guess when you have all the benefits that the President and his friends in power enjoy, parking fees are no big deal. Will the President pay to park at the White House and how about the trips to Camp David? Will all federal workers including those who were elected or appointed pay for parking? What about our own Director, who is a substantial double-dipper? It seems that the

people at the top always come out ahead. **Approved For Release 2005/06/22 : CIA-RDP85-00988R000600060053-3**

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Sincerely,



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I think paid parking would be too much of a hardship on all employees especially lower income employees. With the high cost of living going higher each month, there should be some consideration given to low income employees whose income does not increase according to inflation prices. Employees already have hardships in transportation with the high cost of gasoline and car maintenance. Before charging to park, they should make sure people have alternatives, such as public transportations. Some of us do not live near any type of public transportation.



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The prices of gasoline and maintenance has already doubled in the last 5 years. If parking is also charged this amounts to a tax on the privilege of working. Since there is no public transportation where I live in West Virginia. There is not even a choice, unless it is to resign.

This is the way it is.

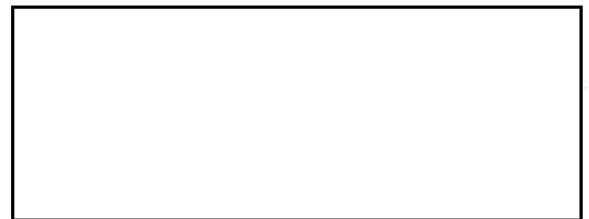
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THIS IS WASHINGTON
Henry Barlow of Annapolis notes that Transportation Secretary Brock Adams wants to save money by making severe cuts in Amtrak passenger service.
"The only thing that's holding it up," says Henry, "is that they haven't decided to which foreign government they'll give the money they save."

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I am against paying for parking on government property. As it is I spend \$25.00 a week for gasoline and if I had to pay for parking too it could present quite a hardship. I am in the low income bracket and have 2 to support. A travel 80 miles a day because there are no jobs available in my area, no public transportation and haven't found anyone who lives in my vicinity to assist in carpooling to HQS. So I drop off my carpool in Washington, D.C. and then have to work my way through traffic to get here. Once I get here it is a 10 minute walk from west lot.



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