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The Honorable Al Ullman
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20510

W. E. M. Reynolds

Dear Congressman Ullman:

This letter to you is regarding: Action needed on Capital Gains.

To me, it is incomprehensible that the House and Senate conferees would consider extending the six (6) month capital gains holding period. Particularly when this nation faces capital expenditures of a magnitude never dreamed of before just to meet the energy crisis of the next fifteen (15) years. This creates one more disincentive to investment capital. Interest rates are still at historically high levels because of Capital demand from both the private sector and government. Again, you are moving to tax in harsher terms the ever decreasing number of productive citizens.

It takes courage to think of the long range benefit of this country ahead of the short term benefit of the Votes that this might garner the politician. Please look beyond today and into the future capital formation needs that will have to be fulfilled to meet the demands of the poor as well as the rich. Vote against this provision to extend the holding period beyond six (6) months.

Respectfully submitted,



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