

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 6, 2014

The Honorable Barack H. Obama  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave  
Washington, D.C. 20550

Dear Mr. President,

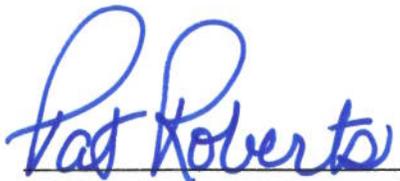
We are writing to you in an effort to highlight a growing problem which has greatly affected the state of Kansas in recent weeks. You are no doubt aware of the price increase and supply challenges of propane gas, which are likely a result of unusually large demand for drying grain after the fall harvest, unseasonably cold temperatures for long periods of time, and disruptions in supply pipelines.

About 83,000 Kansas homes, a majority of those in the most rural parts of our state, depend on propane gas for heat. These families are experiencing unforeseen challenges in attaining sufficient supply and unfortunately, the record cold temperatures appear to have no intent of relenting, as our state has just experienced another massive snow storm.

In Kansas, Governor Sam Brownback has waived regulations for motor carriers who carry propane. We are grateful for steps taken by the U.S. Department of Transportation to issue emergency exemptions from the Hours of Service rules for propane gas and other home heating fuels, and ask this waiver extend through March as consumers recover from these extreme temperatures. Additionally, to ensure maximum delivery loads, we ask you to waive weight restrictions on delivery of propane, which could increase loads by up to 1,000 gallons per truck.

We appreciate your consideration of these requests, and encourage you and your administration to do anything you can to ensure that bureaucratic restrictions are not further exasperating this problem.

Sincerely,



Pat Roberts  
United States Senator



Lynn Jenkins, CPA  
Member of Congress