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Dear ...:

Notwithstanding a substantial amount of mail I have had from folks back home who are interested in putting tax reduction first on the list, I incline to the idea that it is not sound or wise policy to reduce the revenues of government and at the same moment borrow money at the going rate of interest for the payment of current expenses of government. That is the problem which confronts us because of the substantial deficit that looms for the next fiscal year.

I for one intend to do my best to first bring about a reduction in the expenditures and a balanced budget before reducing the revenues. The question of governmental solvency is of primary importance and manifestly, balancing of the budget is one of the first things to be done to assure that solvency. I appreciate your comment.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen