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Everett McKinley Dirksen  
Illinois

United States Senate  
Minority Leader

Note Response to those in favor  
of increasing minimum wages

May 22, 1959

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Dear ...:

I have noted your comments relating to pending amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare I have endeavored to give this constant attention and have examined a very considerable amount of data with respect to both the item of an increased minimum wage and expanded coverage.

Both of these items are highly controversial and my inclination is to oppose the measure on both counts. However, I do feel that I should keep an open mind until all the testimony has been presented and this I shall do before coming to a final conclusion.

Let me assure you that I will be mindful of your interest and your views.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen