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United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

ROBO: SHELBYVILLE DAM PETITIONERS  
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Dear ...:

The petition signed by you and numerous other residents of Central Illinois with respect to the need for the immediate construction of the proposed Shelbyville Dam in connection with the navigation and flood control project on the Kaskaskia River, has come to my attention.

There has been so much emphasis on a balanced budget that the Administration generally speaking has undertaken to pursue a pattern with respect to public works under which no new projects will be undertaken or advanced for fiscal year 1960. The Budget Bureau has placed the proposed Shelbyville Dam in that category.

I quite agree that in a sense this is not a new program even though the Bureau of the Budget differs with me. Notwithstanding this difficulty, I am hopeful that somehow, out of monies available, we may secure a transfer of funds to advance the Shelbyville cause.

Let me reassure you and the other petitioners of my interest and of our determination to do everything possible in behalf of this project.

With every good wish,

Everett McKinley Dirksen