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ROBO: SENATE 11
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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Dear:

The purpose and effect of Senate 11 would be to nullify a decision of the United States Supreme Court which held that it is in violation of the Robinson-Patman Act to reduce a price in order to keep a customer without a comparable reduction to other customers. Note that it does not include reductions to get a customer as distinguished from keeping one.

It would seem to me that this is sound law and affords a fair and equitable defense to a seller when it is done in good faith. It would seem also that instead of injuring competition such a course would strengthen it and is, therefore, in line with our basic concept of competition in our free system.

I believe this sums up the whole story with respect to Senate 11.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen