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United States Senate
Minority Leader

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Dear :

The Senate will soon begin consideration of farm legislation and your views will be most helpful. I do appreciate your thoughtfulness in making them available to me.

I believe that the voluntary cropland retirement program could be of real benefit and I hope that something along this line can be contrived. As you know, legislation provideng for this type of program has been this line

can be contrived. As you know, legislation provideeng t rived. As you know, legislation providing for this type of program has been introduced and I will do my best to see that it is enacted.

We have an entirely different matter, however, with respect to the other programs, particularly the wheat proposals. I thought the vote of the wheat farmers last year was an expression by the farmers that could be readily understood by everyone and should not be ignored.

I fear that unless we can return our farmers to a free market we will seriously jeopardize our free enterprise system.

Sincerely,

Everett M Kinley Dirksen