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# United States Senate

EVERETT MCKINLEY DIRKSEN  
ILLINOIS

MINORITY LEADER

REFERENDUM

June 26, 1964

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Dear -----:

An amendment was offered during the Civil Rights debate in the Senate which provided that the measure must be submitted to a National Referendum and approved by the voters before it would take effect. There is no constitutional provision authorizing such a procedure and I have taken my oath of office to uphold the Constitution.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen