



United States Senate

EXCISE TAX
, 1965

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Now the President has indicated his support for repeal and we are happy to have him join our cause. Be assured this will have good attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen



United States Senate

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Dear :

As you know the Senate Finance Committee did not authorize the repeal of excise taxes on truck parts or on trucks. In addition, the Administration has recommended the imposition of additional taxes on retread and this will be considered later this year or the early part of next year.

Certainly these proposals have to be considered in light of the competitive situation between the trucking industry and its rail and water competition.

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EXCISE TAX REPEAL - REDUCTION
OF OTHERS ROBO.

MAY 21, 1965

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Dear :

The Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives, where all tax legislation must originate under the Constitution, is now considering legislation calling for repeal of certain excise taxes in some cases and for the reduction of other taxes.

The legislation being considered calls for complete repeal of the retail excise tax on handbags, luggage, toilet articles, jewelry and furs, effective July 1, 1965.

It also provides for a reduction from 10% to 3% of the tax on local and long distance telephone service effective January 1, 1966, with a further reduction of one percentage point effective each January 1 through January 1, 1969, when the tax will be completely repealed.

Other taxes too numerous to mention here will also be repealed or reduced if this legislation is approved and as a member of the Senate Finance Committee which will handle this proposal when it passes the House and comes to the Senate, you can be sure it will have my best attention and support since we Republicans made a determined effort to ease this tax burden last year but received little help from the Democratic majority at that time.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen

EXCISE TAX REDUCTION ROBO
JUNE 23, 1965

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Dear :

As you know by now, the Congress did pass the excise tax reduction bill and it has been signed by the President.

While the proposal did go beyond the Administration's original recommendations, I feel that the bill we approved was constructive and provides some long overdue relief for the taxpayer.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen