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United States Senate

S. 260 -- MEDICAL RESTRAINT ROBO

March 18, 1967

Dear :

During hearings completed March 3, 1967 on S. 260, the so-called Medical Restraint of Trade Act, certain valuable information was developed which had not come to light in the 1964 and 65 hearings. There is no doubt that detailed information and statistics now in the record refute many of the contentions in the 1964 and 65 hearings to the extent it would seem difficult for proponents of S. 260 to sustain the position that the bill is needed at all.

The questions of whether the patient-consumer should be deprived of the right of freedom of choice which he now has but would not have if S. 260 became law and whether the passage of S. 260 would affect the convenience and pocket-book of the patient-consumer are some of the matters clarified in the 1967 hearings. These particular issues of course would not discount the freedom of choice by the doctor to dispense or the right of the doctor to dispense in the best interest of his patients.

I am glad to have your views on this.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen