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Dear ...,:

I appreciate your communication expressing opposition to the so-called Bricker Resolution which is presently pending before the Senate.

As a member of the subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee of the Senate, which took the testimony on this proposal, may I point out that the committee had the benefit of the views of a large number of witnesses who might well be regarded as experts in the field of jurisprudence, international law, the effect of the treaty power, and the possible impact of the Bricker proposal upon the conduct of our foreign affairs.

I am particularly persuaded that as the matter now stands there is grave danger that treaties can have a tremendous effect upon the internal law of this nation and that this loophole must be remedied either by the so-called Bricker Resolution or a similar proposal. Efforts are presently under way to develop a compromise and any substitute suggestions will have careful attention. I expect to support the Bricker Resolution if no effective alternative proposal is developed.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen