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Dear ...:

There is a general push by many interested groups for the complete repeal or substantial modification of nearly every item on the excise tax list and I assume from the experience we had last year in repealing the federal amusement tax which was vetoed by the President that a general policy with reference to all excise taxes must first be developed.

It is pretty clear to me that many items on the list are richly deserving of tax relief, and I know also that the Treasury Department which is charged with developing necessary revenues will be constrained to resist modification or repeal if the impact on revenues is too heavy.

Let me therefore say that this whole field will have good attention and I shall give the most careful consideration to every appeal for tax relief.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen