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Dear ...:

In 1950, I stated publicly and privately in all sections of the state that I would oppose any effort to repeal or emasculate the Taft-Hartley Act. And that I would support proposed amendments to the act only if they were necessary to its clarification or if a good case was made in behalf of any amendments which dealt with the substance of the act.

With this pledge in mind, I shall not only give respectful attention to whatever amendments are proposed but will weigh and consider the testimony which may be offered in behalf of such proposals.

I realize that any legislative enactment must be susceptible to modification in the face of changing conditions. However, there are certain basic principles of equity, fairness and complete impartiality which must ever be preserved and this I shall endeavor to do. The views which you expressed will have respectful attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen