Dear ....:

Nothing delighted me so much as to observe in every section of the country that a proposal to have the entire Senate attend the Hawaiian inaugural ceremonies at public expense struck so deeply into the hearts of people and offended their basic feeling with respect to governmental extravagance and the need for economy.

I should point out that when the question was asked of me by the press I said that I presumed every senator "wanted" to go to Hawaii, but as you so well know, "wanting" to go and "getting" to go is quite another matter. Actually the resolution which was drafted to cover the matter was drawn in blank without any specific amount for funds required or the size of the delegation.

What did happen in the closing days of the Session was to authorize a delegation of seven senators to be the official representatives of the Senate. A similar delegation was authorized when Alaska was admitted to the Union.

I reaffirm, however, my delight that there is an aroused feeling in the country with respect to spending. As for the record, I take some real pride in the record which the Republican minority made in the Senate in resisting huge authorizations for the expenditure of money and heavy appropriations. This aggressive effort on the part of the minority plus the determination of the President to hold the budget line plus the clear evidence of public interest all conjoined to give us a good record in this field.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear ..., 1959

As a co-sponsor of the bill in the Senate providing for Hawaiian Statehood, I share your hope that we are able to accomplish its adoption during the present session.

I do appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
United States Senate
Minority Leader

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Dear ...:

This will acknowledge the petition which you signed in support of Hawaii's bid for Statehood.

Let me advise that I supported this legislation.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen