H.R. 261
bill introduced by Congressman Machrowicz

Dear . . .

Thank you for your comments relating to H.R. 261, a bill introduced by Congressman Machrowicz to amend section 37 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 to equalize for all taxpayers the amount which may be taken into account in computing the retirement income credit thereunder.

This bill is pending before the House Ways and Means Committee but no action has been scheduled as yet. I can appreciate your interest and assure you that this will have good attention if it passes the House and comes to the Senate.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear:

I presume I have given more attention to the problem of taxes and the factors which affect it than any other problem. At the risk of over-simplification I still believe that the question of continuing the present level of taxes or increasing or reducing that level is a simple one of federal expenditure. Obviously revenues must be adequate to meet this level if we hope to maintain a balanced budget and keep inflationary forces under control. To do so requires that those functions involving increased expenditures and which are sometimes demanded by people and various groups in the country, must be resisted if this balance of revenues and expenditures is to be kept in check.

On the point of expenditures and appropriations, I believe the record is quite clear as to what I have tried to achieve to keep them within manageable limits. I appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
August 7, 1961

Dear:

Thank you for your letter relating to S. 2084. A companion bill, H.R. 7640, is pending before the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives and since it is a tax bill, it must constitutionally originate in that body.

It seems to be that a peculiar anti-business attitude has developed in Washington which adds to the burdens and difficulties which businessmen are expected to carry and it is an unfortunate approach, to say the least.

For myself I shall leave nothing undone to save them from harassment and make the burden easier if at all possible.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen