Dear . . .

Legislation to grant additional benefits to widows of veterans of World War I is pending before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs. I can appreciate your interest and assure you that any bill of this type which may pass the House and come to the Senate will have my most careful attention and consideration.

Sincerely,
form letter for those urging approval of legislation to grant increased pensions to veterans of World War I

Dear . . .

There are a number of bills pending before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs which would grant additional benefits to veterans of World War I, however, no action has been scheduled as yet.

I can appreciate your interest and assure you that any bill of this type which may pass the House and come to the Senate will have my most careful attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dear :

I do appreciate your comments regarding S. 62, the so-called Veterans' Children Scholarship Act. This is pending before the Subcommittee on Trading with the Enemy of the Senate Judiciary Committee and no action has been scheduled as yet pending receipt of reports on the bill from various executive agencies.

I appreciate your interest and assure you this will have good attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear:

I can appreciate your interest in legislation relating to benefits for veterans of World War I. I have contacted the House Committee on Veterans Affairs and am advised that no action has been scheduled as yet on any of this legislation.

Let me assure you that any bill of this type which may pass the House and come to the Senate will have my most careful attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear:

In 1945 I served on a Joint Committee of the House and Senate to streamline the congressional committee system. After two years of work that Committee reduced the number of House committees from 45 to 19 and Senate Committees from 33 to 15.

Since that time only one standing committee has been created in the Senate, dealing with space matters, and this was done because there was actually no missile and rocket development until recent years. Under the circumstances and because of my earlier activities in this field, I would look with disfavor upon the creation of additional committees at this time.

Also it should be noted that the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare has a Subcommittee on Veterans Affairs which handles all legislation relating to problems of veterans and has been doing an effective job.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
W.W.I PENSIONS

Aug. 7, 1961

Dear:

I can appreciate your interest in legislation relating to benefits for veterans of World War I. In this connection I am advised by the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs that 162 bills are pending before the Committee which relate to pensions.

Hearings were held by the Committee during July but no further action is scheduled at the moment. Let me assure you that any bill of this type which may pass the House and come to the Senate will have my most careful attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Re: HR 2762
Aug. 6, 1951

Dear:

I have the petition you signed relating to HR 2762. It should be pointed out that this bill was introduced in the 86th Congress but no action was taken. Since legislation is not carried over from one Congress to the next, the proposal is no longer in existence.

There are three bills pending before the House Committee on Veterans Affairs which relate to extension of benefits to veterans of the Korean War, however, no action has been scheduled by the committee. These are H.R. 1957, H.R. 5110, and H.R. 7346.

I can appreciate your interest and will have your views in mind if any of the above proposals should pass the House and come to the Senate during the present session.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen