Dear:

Thank you for your recent communication expressing opposition to the Department of Agriculture's announced proposal to amend section 201.39 of the regulations under the Packers and Stockyards Act.

As you undoubtedly know, this action can be accomplished by the Department administratively and without congressional approval. However, I have already made my views in the matter known to the Secretary and am taking the liberty of also forwarding your communication to him in order that it may be considered in connection with the final decision.

You may certainly be assured of my continued interest in this.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear:

We recently received a communication from the Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture which reads as follows:

"During the last few years a number of organizations have attempted to initiate meat promotional programs to be financed by deductions from shippers' proceeds. In general, agencies which have made deductions for the National Live Stock and Meat Board have refused to make deductions for other organizations. This has given rise to questions which cause the Department to deem it advisable to review the entire matter of deductions from shippers' proceeds for meat promotional purposes.

"The Notice of Proposed Rule Making was issued to obtain the views of the industry, and the Department has received a wide expression of them. All comments received will be considered carefully."

This is just to present you with the current status of the proposed amendment of certain regulations under the Packers and Stockyards Act, and to assure you of my continued interest.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen