Dear:

Let me acknowledge your communication with reference to S.J. Res. 159, bearing the title "Cost Stabilization and Fair Competitive Practices Act".

It is my understanding that hearings will be held and it is quite evident that a great many people will wish to testify.

I will be glad to familiarize myself with this proposal and give it very good attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
Dear:

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This measure is pending before a subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee and although three days of hearings have been held, no further action is scheduled at the moment.

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Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
June 1, 1962

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Everett McKinley Dirksen
June 26, 1962

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A special subcommittee of the Senate Commerce Committee has been considering this proposal and concluded hearings recently. As yet the subcommittee has taken no formal action on this bill as to whether or not it will be reported to the full committee or as to the language it will contain. For years Congress has had before it similar bills referred to as the Fair Trade bills, which were subject to much controversy and subject to much concern of Congress on the ground that such legislation might not be in the best interest of the small businessman.

I have received quite a bit of mail from retail druggists and other small businessmen who are concerned with the very disastrous competition from large retail houses and chain operations. I share their concern also. The real issue is whether S.J. Res. 159 is in the best interest of the small businessman and whether it will create more problems than it will solve.

It is for these reasons that I want to study the action taken by the special subcommittee and go over their report in an effort to ensure that when a law is passed it really helps the small businessman.

In my book, small business is the real backbone of the United States and I have sought in various ways to help stabilize and strengthen this segment of our economy. My record reveals support of the enactment of a bill to establish the Small Business Administration; tax incentives for small business; and other related legislation. Also, I believe my position with regard to the drug bill, S. 1552, indicates a concern for the retail druggists -- as well as other facets of the drug industry -- and an interest in the continued availability of life-saving and pain-relieving drugs at a reasonable cost and in the best public interest.

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Everett McKinley Dirksen
Quality Stabilization Act

August 14, 1962

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