Dear:

I can appreciate your concern for the problem of obscene material passing through our postal service and being shown in our movie houses. I have been aware of this very situation for many years, and in the past I sponsored a bill, which became public law, to tighten the penalties for passing obscene literature through interstate commerce.

The Post Office Department, during the Eisenhower Administration, began a concentrated war to eliminate obscene literature from the mails and this battle is still being waged today. Also several committees of the Senate, including the Senate Judiciary Committee of which I am a member, have held extensive hearings to try to curb the problem.

Be assured I am continually aware of this situation and try at every opportunity to seek solutions to the problem. However, little can be accomplished without the continual alertness and cooperation of each citizen as he sees instances where laws pertaining to the mailing and showing of obscene material are being broken.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen