Dear:

Legislation concerning minimum wages is still being considered in the House of Representatives and it is not yet certain what changes in the bill, if any, may be made there. When this measure comes before the Senate, it will receive my careful and close attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
I appreciate your comments regarding the minimum wage bill which has already passed the House and is now before the Labor Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare.

I fought through this battle a few years back when I was still in the Labor Committee of the Senate and we did our best to keep both coverage and the wage step-up in line, but to no avail for the simple reason that we did not have the votes to sustain our position. I fancy it will be precisely the same thing this time and that the bill in substantially the same form in which it came from the House will no doubt be approved by the Senate.

In any event, this will have good attention and I will have your interest in mind.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen