September 29, 1967

Dear :

The alarming increase in the pollution of Lake Michigan is a matter of deep and continuing concern to me. On September 25, 1967 I introduced in the United States Senate a bill, S. 2457, to increase the penalties under the Oil Pollution Control Act and to make illegal the discharge of oil by terminal facilities and shore installations.

This measure also covers boats and vessels and would require those responsible for oil contamination of the lake to remove the pollution; it further provides for increased penalties, up to $50,000, and imprisonment for up to three years for violations thereof.

The bill has been referred to the Senate Public Works Committee and I am hopeful for, and will press for prompt action on this important matter.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen