March 6, 1967

Dear :

I have carefully reviewed the recent Supreme Court decision which struck down the state law of New York to prevent the appointment or retention of subversive persons in State employment and I am impressed with the dissenting opinion filed therein in which it was said, "No court has ever reached out so far to destroy so much with so little."

Republican members of the House of Representatives have introduced a "Sense of Congress" resolution which would reassert the rights of the States to control the hiring of potential subversives in the classroom.

In addition, the Senate Judiciary Committee has been authorized by the Senate to conduct a complete and thorough investigation of the rather disturbing tendency of the Supreme Court and the Executive Branch of government to encroach upon the Congress.

A special Subcommittee on Separation of Powers has been created to study the problem to see what can be done legislatively to put an end to these encroachments by one branch of the Federal Government upon another. I serve as a member of the Subcommittee and you can therefore be sure this is having my most careful and constant attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
March 11, 1967

Dear:

Once again there is concern over a decision by the Supreme Court and I have reference to the Court's recent action in striking down the state law of New York to prevent the appointment or retention of subversive persons in state employment. I am impressed with the dissenting opinion filed therein in which it was said, "No Court has ever reached out so far to destroy so much with so little."

The question arises, what can the Congress do? With respect to the New York case mentioned above, Republican members of the House of Representatives have introduced a "Sense of Congress" resolution which would reassert the rights of the States to control the hiring of potential subversives in the classroom.

One of the major concerns of people today all over the country is the apparent pampering of criminals and the growing crime rate which seems directly related to this type of action by the courts. I never cease to be amazed by the fact that our courts seem to bend over backward in emphasizing the rights of criminals when they are apprehended and seem to forget the victims of the crime.

In any event, a bill has been introduced in the Senate, S. 1194, to define the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the inferior courts ordained and established by the Congress under Article III of the Constitution in criminal prosecutions involving admissions or confessions of the accused.

In addition, a special Subcommittee on Separation of Powers has been created to conduct a complete and thorough investigation of the rather disturbing tendency of the Supreme Court and the Executive Branch of government to encroach upon the Congress. I serve as member of this subcommittee and you may be sure that this is having my most careful and constant attention.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen
November 15, 1967

Dear Mr./Ms.

One of the major concerns of people today all over the country is the apparent pampering of criminals and the growing crime rate which seems directly related to this type of action by the courts. I never cease to be amazed by the fact that our courts seem to bend over backward in emphasizing the rights of criminals when they are apprehended and seem to forget the victims of the crime.

A bill has been introduced in the Senate, S. 1194, Safe Streets and Crime Control Act, which is pending presently in the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, to define the jurisdiction of the Supreme Court and the inferior courts ordained and established by the Congress under Article III of the Constitution in criminal prosecutions involving admissions or confessions of the accused.

In addition, a special Subcommittee on Separation of Powers has been created to conduct a complete and thorough investigation of the rather disturbing tendency of the Supreme Court and the Executive Branch of government to encroach upon the Congress. You may be sure that this is having my most careful and constant attention.

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