United States Senate

May 15, 1968

Dear:

The President submitted a budget message to Congress that called for a great deal more spending than did last year's budget and called for spending that was far in excess of the year prior to that. Most members of Congress felt that we simply could not afford to spend so much at this time and that spending should be reduced. In an effort to achieve this objective, the Senate adopted an amendment to a tax bill which will very substantially reduce spending while at the same time increase taxes by the adoption of a ten percent surtax. This will help us to bring the budget into balance. We must have a balanced budget soon if we are to curb inflation and to protect the savings and earnings of our people.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen