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Dear:

In response to your recent letter, I could express my opinion on assigning the proposed income tax but doubt that any pressure from me, as a public official, in determining what course to follow, would be appreciated by State officials.

I would take account of the State's budget and it is very substantial. Obviously this will require commensurate revenue unless the citizens wish to see the State Treasury go into a deficit position and be compelled to borrow money for current bills. It is no easy chore, but I am sure State officials are making every endeavor to work it out in an equitable fashion and trust they will have success.

Sincerely,

Everett McKinley Dirksen