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HON. THEODORE G. BILBO

UNITED STATES SENATOR

WASHINGTON, D. C.

MY DEAR SENATOR:

I SEE IN THE DAILY PRESS THAT YOU HAVE INTRODUCED A BILL WHICH WILL PLACE A FINE ON ANYONE WHO HAS LICENSE TO SELL HARD LIQUOR IN DRY TERRITORY. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS MOVE AND ASSURE YOU THAT SOMETHING OUGHT TO BE DONE. I HAD THOUGHT OF THE ENACTMENT OF A LAW IN OUR OWN STATE MAKING THE POSSESSION OF A UNITED STATES LICENSE TO SELL HARD LIQUOR PRIMA FACIE EVIDENCE OF GUILT, BUT WE WERE NOT ABLE TO AROUSE VERY MUCH INTEREST IN IT. THE SITUATION IN OUR STATE IS DEPLORABLE BEYOND DESCRIPTION AND THE LIQUOR PEOPLE ARE USING IT AS AN ARGUMENT FOR THE LICENSING OF HARD LIQUOR.

ASSURING YOU AGAIN OF MY PERSONAL APPRECIATION OF ANY AND EVERY THING YOU DO TO HELP US GET RID OF THIS TRAFFIC, I AM AS EVER VERY SINCERELY,

J. L. NEILL



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