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ENGINEER

January 16, 1950

PHILADELPHIA 2, PA.

Dear Senator:

By all means, vote against any so-called Civil Rights measures, especially those having to do with Fair Employment Practices. Such a Bill would

Deny employer freedom of contract;

Deny the employer the right of selective judgment in procuring his employees;

Deny to fellow employees the right of selecting associates;

Deny the employer the right to hire, promote or discharge employees upon the basis of their efficiency, merit or faithfulness.

It would subject the employer to endless investigation, harassment, and possible fines and penalties, determined by a commission.

It would deny the employer the right of trial by jury, and give him no right to a review of the facts found by the commission.

It would compel the employer to give testimony against himself and expose his private letters, books, and papers for the inspection and investigation of a horde of employees of the commission.

It would compel the employer to hire a person whom he did not wish to have in his employ, and deny him the privilege of selecting an employee of his own choice.

Such a commission would have the power to make rules and regulations which have the effect of laws, of which we have more than enough, and which hamstring business.

I am sure you would not vote for a Bill which would require a person of a certain race or color to work for another against his will. Therefore, you should not vote for any Bill which would require another person to employ someone to work for him against such employers will.

This whole Civil Rights program is being pressed by certain minority groups who are not satisfied with life in the finest country in the world, but who wish to remake it for their own special selfish benefit.

Yours very truly,

CARL HAYDEN, ARIZ., CHAIRMAN
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

January 20, 1950

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I want to express to you my appreciation for your letter in which you have stated your views on the so-called Civil Rights measures.

May I assure you that I too am against any so-called Civil Rights measures and more especially the FEPC bill. I think this to be one of the most specious pieces of legislation ever to come before the Congress and I shall be opposed always to any such measure. I am pleased to know that there are clear-thinking citizens such as you among our many supporters.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

U. S. Senator

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PHILADELPHIA 2, PA.

Acknowledged
March 11, 1950

Hon. John C. Stennis
Senate Office Bldg.,
Washington, D.C.

MAR 13 1950

Dear Senator:

Upon study, you will find that FEPC is very definitely one of the various communistic moves against white Americans.

It is not fair, it is definitely unfair and designedly so. Dr. Walter R. Courtenay of Nashville reminds us "the bill was not created from the moral fabric of a tender conscience which weeps for the downtrodden and the dispossessed. It is merely the political means of grabbing a bloc of votes which are of paramount importance to the Social Planners. With it they could hasten their rule over us all."

The House made a political gesture, instead of having the "guts" to do what they knew should be done i.e. definitely kill this whole proposition.

In attempting to straddle, they have done the country great harm because in effect they have approved the principle of FEPC. This will be used by the advocates of this proposal in bringing pressure upon States and Cities.

It is the duty of the Senate to kill this iniquitous thing once and for all, without any compromise or apparent approval of its underlying deviltry.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

March 14, 1950

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This will acknowledge with thanks your further letter in regard to the FEPC bill. You may be sure that I will do everything in my power to see that this iniquitous measure is not forced upon the American people, destroying fundamental rights guaranteed us by our Constitution.

I am Appreciating your interest, and with best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

U. S. Senator

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