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The Honorable Frank W. Boykin
Member of Congress
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Congressman Boykin:

During the session of the 80th Congress we have been watching very closely the work of individual members of the United States House of Representatives with respect to their interest in legislation which might affect the welfare of small business, no less than the American economy as a whole.

We are happy to state that you, more than most of the other members of the Congress, have shown your active interest in the problems confronting small business and we are mindful of your efforts to aid us in solving some of the problems small business is facing, especially that large percentage of retail and wholesale trade, small manufacturing, banking, printing, etc., which has been regimented and harassed by Bureauocracy beyond any emergency necessity.

Therefore, we wish to express to you our deep appreciation for your constructive work in promoting the passage of good legislation to save our free enterprise system and private initiative in America, as typified by small business.

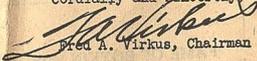
Particularly, and of exceptional importance to small business, was your vote to pass Senate Concurrent Resolution 14, by which, for the first time, the Congress recognized small business in America as an economic entity on a par with Labor and Agriculture, on appointive boards, agencies, commissions and committees. This, as you know, has already resulted in the appointment of active small business advisory committees for the Commerce, Treasury, Agriculture, Justice and Post Office Departments.

We wish especially to commend you for your statesman-like stand on what are regarded as controversial issues, which certain other Congressmen have straddled or evaded entirely. Your public statement to the effect that what is best for the country as a whole is also best for business as a whole, best for labor as a whole, and best for the farmer as a whole, is to be commended as a forthright statement of fact, but it is the kind of statement which takes courage to back up the conviction.

We also appreciate the unflinching courtesy and friendliness of yourself and your office staff whenever we have had occasion to call on you at your Washington office.

It is my conviction, and I wish it were possible for me personally to tell every small businessman throughout the 1st Congressional District of Alabama, that he should feel under obligation to you.

Cordially and sincerely,


Fred A. Virkus, Chairman

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