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Mr. Ed Idar & Mr. Bob Sanchez
223 S. 17th
McAllen, Texas

Dear Ed and Bob:

I am proud to see that you read your mail. I would not take \$20 for your telegram. I only wish that you could direct it to the other five Members and Senator from our area. However, I have some hope for immortality on their part if the people back home will start writing them and displaying a little grass roots control. I, of course, am not suggesting that you bring any pressure to bear on anyone, but I could surely use some help from the other members of my delegation on this tax problem. I will continue to assure you to maintain my position and only hope that we will be successful in the long run.

In case you are interested, Garland Smith, W.R. Montgomery and, of all people, Charles Thompson all endorse my vote on the tax bill. Such a broad section is at least encouraging. However, they do not seem to be taking the matter up in the proper places.

Let me hear from you at any time, particularly when it is as favorable as your telegram. With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

JAMES S. BATES

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