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Hon. James S. Bates
House of Representatives
Capital Building
Austin, Texas

Dear Jim:

Your boy Carr certainly turned out to be a sour choice as speaker. It is preposterous to think that they would come out with the kind of tax bill that the committee has reported after a three-minute consideration of the same.

I would like to refer you to the last issue of "The Texas Observer" and the information contained therein with respect to out-of-state oil and gas companies and the benefits they are making from the gas taken out of Texas.

I have not discussed this tax question with you, but I certainly hope that you are not in favor of sales taxes under whatever name the Speaker or the Governor chose to call them. While I am at it, let me put in a plug for the 50¢ minimum wage in Texas and, in particular, to apply to agricultural workers.

Let me say that I am not concerned of your support of Carr for speaker at the opening of the session for there probably was really no choice, but please do not insult my intelligence in the future on behalf of him for anything.

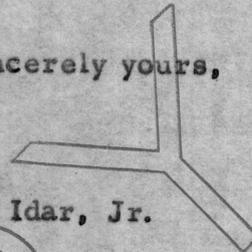
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This is purely a personal letter and I do not pretend to speak for any other individual, group or organization. If you raise the tax on beer, you will have to pay from now on because I will not buy you one bottle.

Sincerely yours,

A stylized, handwritten signature consisting of a vertical line that curves to the right at the top, then a horizontal line that extends to the left, and finally a diagonal line that descends to the right.

Ed Idar, Jr.

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