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The Honorable Gaylord Nelson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Nelson:

I appreciate very much your interest in introducing legislation that would provide funds for municipalities to utilize unemployed workers on conservation and recreation projects.

I keep wondering what is happening to the thinking of our leaders in Washington as well as to many of our citizens when just ordinary common sense should tell us that all the money collected in Washington in all forms of taxes comes from the people who live in the 50 states of the Union. I am still under the old fashioned idea that all of us would be better off and more could be accomplished if we could leave more money at home and avoid the overhead that we must pay to federal employees so we might get a little of our own money back.

I am sure you realize by now that I would like to see the size of our federal government reduced instead of increased. This can only be done by trying to keep the federal government's hands out of some of our pockets. Frankly, I would prefer to run my own city and take care of our own people hoping to avoid the loss of more of our freedoms by too much federal interference.

Thank you anyway for your kindness in writing to me as you did.

Sincerely yours,

J. BRACKEN LEE

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