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VIA AIR MAIL

The Honorable John J. Williams
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator:

We hear the Senate has passed an amendment to the U. S. Department of Agriculture appropriations measure which limits the amount of government funds which can be loaned to a producer of broilers to three thousand dollars, which amendment, it is said, you proposed. Senator, everyone knows the Eastern Shore was the first large concentrated broiler-producing area in the United States. Sure, it would be helpful to your and surrounding states if you could continue to produce broilers there to supply markets over the entire United States, including California. Since your state set the United States such a fine example, contributed to the diet of American citizens by providing a tasty chicken, other sections of the country have developed broiler production. The Georgia-North Carolina area is now producing more broilers than Delmarva. Texas is third. California is fourth. California is still importing half of its broilers.

As a Delaware feedman and producer, you might like to force Californians to buy your Delaware broilers, at a profit to you, plus several cents a pound freight rate to California. Is that Senatorial cricket? We hope not. We folks here in California would like to produce our own meat, please, if we can do so competitively, process it here, have it fresh and of California quality.

As you undoubtedly know, thousands of people are moving into California every day. Some of them have been broiler producers in Delmarva. You wouldn't want to make it impossible for them to make a living here, or would you?

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A few years ago, I very much enjoyed a talk with you and George Ellis in the Mayflower Hotel in Washington. I am sure that if you had really thought about this amendment, you would have realized it is completely unfair, unAmerican, and unworthy of a member of the United States Senate. Don't you think it would be a good thing if you had your amendment stricken from the bill, did it yourself, before the whole United States jumps down your throat?

Best regards.

Respectfully,

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