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Dear Senator Lehman:

I am interested in the candidacy of Tony Akers for Congress for the 17th District here on the East Side of New York City and I am sounding you out on your views as to the best possible way of giving him bi-partisan support. It has been suggested that an Independent Citizens Committee be formed in his behalf.

Many of us feel that the present representation in Congress reflects just one wing of the Republican Party and does not correctly interpret the electorate of this District. There are many Republicans and Independents as well as Democrats who feel that Tony Akers is the kind of candidate who would truly represent the people of the 17th and I want to know if you would be willing to lend your support to such an independent citizens group.

I am speaking not only as a Democrat but as a friend and admirer of Tony Akers who wishes to see the best possible representation from the District.

The enclosed sketch outlines his record. For your convenience a postal card for reply is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Senator Herbert Lehman
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