July 7, 1956

Honorable James O. Eastland
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I write to express the hope that your Committee will find it possible to take affirmative action on H. J. Res. 511 at the earliest opportunity.

As you will undoubtedly recall, I am a co-sponsor of the equivalent Senate Resolution, S. J. Res. 130. H. J. Res. 511, however, has now been passed by the House of Representatives and I wish, of course, to support the version which is ready for final action.

These Resolutions grant the consent of Congress to an extension of the authority of the Interstate Sanitation Commission of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut to allow it to make studies of smog and air pollution. I understand that the Bureau of the Budget has indicated to your Committee that the Administration approves of this measure. It is to be noted that all costs will be borne by the States involved. Favorable action by the Senate on this Resolution will make it possible for these States to formulate a workable program of self-help.

Many residents of the areas affected have written me, urging affirmative action on this measure before the end of the session. The present atmospheric conditions in and about the Port of Greater New York cause considerable economic loss and are seriously detrimental to health. Therefore, I most strongly urge that favorable consideration be given this useful measure at the earliest opportunity.

Yours very sincerely,