Honorable Walter F. George
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Chairman:

Several of my constituents have written me with reference to section 204 of the Revenue Bill of 1950, which provides for percentage depletion allowances for certain non-metallic minerals. My constituents are concerned by the fact that the slate industry may be placed in an insecure position by the omission of the word "slate" from the language of that section.

I understand that the House Committee on Ways and Means considered that slate is automatically subsumed under the term "stone." The Committee therefore did not feel that the specific inclusion of the word "slate" was necessary.

Since the slate industry feels that they will have to rely on future interpretations of the word "stone" to obtain the benefits to which they would be entitled under the provisions of the Act, I hope that the subcommittee will find it possible to add the words "including slate" in parentheses after the word "stone" in section 204A.

Yours very sincerely,