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Honorable William Langer
Chairman
Senate Judiciary Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Langer:

As you are no doubt aware, there is pending before the Judiciary Committee a comprehensive bill for the revision of the McCarran-Walter Act. This bill was introduced last August by myself and seven other Senators. Senator Humphrey, who is a co-sponsor of my bill, has separately introduced another less comprehensive bill, also seeking to make vital changes in the McCarran-Walter Act. Very recently Senator Ives introduced a similar bill.

The purpose of this letter is to make formal request that hearings be scheduled at the earliest possible time on my bill and on such other proposals for the revision of the McCarran-Walter Act as the Judiciary Committee may wish to consider at the same time.

While I am aware of the difficulties involved in getting a place for immigration legislation on the Senate schedule in the remaining months of this session, I am also aware, as you must be, of the vital importance of this subject. I need not tell you how complex the subject is. Certainly the Committee and the Senate as a whole should begin immediately to study this important matter. Whatever hearings can be held this year will certainly not be wasted effort. The views of the scores and even hundreds of organizations throughout the country interested in this legislation should be brought to bear upon the legislative proposals now pending before the Committee.

I hope you will give early consideration to my request. I speak in this matter not only for myself, but I think I can speak also for the co-sponsors of my bill, S. 2505.

With kind personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,