July 18th, 1956

Honorable Thomas C. Hennings, Jr.
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Tom:

I am enclosing a copy of a bill providing for the creation of a National Mortgage Corporation to promote the construction of housing for middle-income families and elderly persons. I hope that it will be possible for you to again join with me in co-sponsoring this measure.

You will recall that the Housing Subcommittee of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee has been instructed to conduct a full scale study of middle-income housing needs during the recess following the present session of Congress. A discussion of this projected study appears on page 8020 of the Congressional Record of May 24th. While there are no plans to take action on the proposed bill during the remaining days of the session, it has been the feeling of those of us interested in the problem of housing for middle-income families that it would be useful to have this bill before the Subcommittee during its study.

The proposed middle-income housing bill is identical with a proposal which I submitted to the Senate Committee on Banking and Currency earlier this year, and which you joined in co-sponsoring at that time. It is also very similar to a proposal which received the approval of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee during the 81st Congress.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Obviously, in view of the imminence of adjournment, it will be necessary to introduce this bill within the next few days.

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert H. Lehman
United States Senate

Enclosure