November 13, 1956

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Lehman:

I decided to wait until after the elections to express my feelings concerning your retirement from the Senate which you have adorned during the past seven years.

You will be missed. Your remarkable courage and your extraordinary sense of public duty have not been duplicated in that legislative body in our times. Your record there has been a fitting climax to the years you have spent in the public service while Lieutenant Governor and Governor of New York State and in your other great capacities.

My late husband was devoted to you and I shared this devotion during all the years of your public activity. You have fought for the plain people of America, you have fought for minority rights and on the right side of every great public issue.

I would like you to know that, during your well-earned retirement, the hearts and minds of millions of Americans will go out to you in appreciation and gratitude for your efforts on their behalf.

With my very best wishes to you and Mrs. Lehman, I am

Cordially and sincerely,

Mrs. Sidney Hillman

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