July 16, 1955

Governor Frank J. Lausche
State House
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Governor:

It has been suggested to me that because of your long-standing interest in public resources policy, and especially in public hydroelectric development, that you might have some specific views with regard to pending legislation to develop, under public auspices, the great hydroelectric potential at Niagara Falls made available under the terms of the 1950 Treaty with Canada.

There are, as you know, two bills pending: one, my bill for a public development, under the auspices of the State of New York, and the other, a bill for private development, turning this resource over to five private power companies. I am enclosing copies of these two bills.

My bill, although it would authorize the Power Authority of the State of New York to build and operate the project, would require that a fair share of the power be made available to neighboring states, which would include Ohio.

If you have an interest in this matter, I would very much appreciate your addressing a letter to me expressing your views. I would then ask to have your letter inserted in the record of the hearings. You may prefer, of course, to address a letter directly to Senator Robert S. Kerr, who is Chairman of the Subcommittee of the Public Works Committee which has just completed holding three days of hearings on this legislation. The record of these hearings, however, is still open.

With kind personal regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

P.S. I am also enclosing a copy of my own testimony before the Committee.