Hon. Herbert H. Lehman  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D. C.  

My dear Senator:  

The House has passed Appropriation Bill HR 5046 for the Department of Labor for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1955. This appropriation bill contains grants to the States for unemployment compensation and employment service administration.

While the House granted the total amount of money requested by the President, by shifting $14,000,000 from the basic appropriation to the contingency fund, it produced the net effect of providing only enough funds to keep these programs going at the same level as in the current year.

In New York State, this means that expansion of employment service programs for older workers, the handicapped, and young people, is impossible. Of equal importance is the fact that the State's efforts to see that unemployment insurance is paid only to those eligible for them will be hampered. It is the inability of the State to give sufficient time to review claims for benefits that leads to the continuous demand by employers for unfair and restrictive state legislation to bar whole groups of workers from benefits. It is also one of the major arguments used by employer associations to fight increases in benefit rates, expansion of coverage, and other improvements in the program.

This bill is currently being considered by the Senate Appropriations Committee, and I urge you
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to do what you can to have the $14 million shifted by the House included in the basic appropriation as requested by President.

Sincerely yours,

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Isidor Lubin
Industrial Commissioner