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The Honorable
Burnet R. Maybank
Chairman
Small Business Sub-Committee
Senate Office Building

Dear Mr. Chairman:

My constituents in Auburn, New York, have advised me that the International Harvester Company, a firm now operating a manufacturing plant in Auburn, New York, has announced its intention of moving its operations to another area. International Harvester employs approximately 1300 persons and meets a monthly payroll of $125,000 per week. In a town of 37,000 this removal of income and employment may easily be a blow from which Auburn may never recover.

A representative group of citizens in Auburn will shortly acquire the former International Harvester plant and will be prepared to make attractive concessions to businessmen interested in beginning operations in the Auburn area.

It occurred to me that the knowledge and experience acquired by the Senate Small Business Committee may be of some value to the City of Auburn. I would appreciate any assistance or advice which can be made available.

Yours very sincerely,

Herbert H. Lehman