

customed to being present in order to share in the joy of the occasion. However, since the financial status of most students' families would prevent an ordinary tour of Europe, a special group, the above mentioned FRAE, was organized on their behalf to greatly reduce the cost of the trip, which would, in the vast majority of cases, be totally unthinkable without such an organization. In the past planes have been chartered, and various other benefits have accrued to the members of FRAE, thus making the trip possible.

However, I feel that the current proposals before Congress would place a totally unmerited burden on my parents, relatives and friends who have saved for a considerable period the funds necessary to make the trip this next December. I feel also that since the proposed taxes would expire in October of 1969, our guests would be victims of very unfortunate circumstances.

Therefore, I would ask specifically that members of FRAE, 1968, who will take one of the chartered planes from the United States next December, be held totally exempt from all provisions of the tax bill. Last year there were four such chartered flights which brought over 600 people to Rome for the ordination.

With these facts in mind, I trust that you will consider my request very seriously. I realize that it may seem like a selfish request. On the other hand, under the circumstances, it would be very unjust to my family and friends in light of the fact that it is difficult for them to make the trip under ordinary circumstances. I myself could never have studied here were it not for scholarship funds. I trust, therefore, that you will consider my case. I will be most anxious to hear from you in the future with regard to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

WALTER DERYLO.

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
OFFICE OF THE MINORITY LEADER,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, D.C., February 20, 1968.

HON. WILBUR MILLS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Enclosed is a copy of a letter which I received from one of my constituents, Mrs. Lucile E. Hager of Grand Rapids, Michigan, which I respectfully request be made a part of the record of the Committee in its hearings on the President's proposed travel tax.

Mrs. Hager points out an aspect of the President's proposals which merits the attention of the Committee, and it is for this reason that I am pleased to submit it to you.

Sincerely,

GERALD R. FORD,
Member of Congress.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
February 19, 1968.

HON. GERALD FORD,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. FORD: Regarding the proposed tourist tax I have a proposal to make which I hope might be taken under consideration. It seems to me the Senior Citizens, 65 and up, should be exempt from this tax. Some have been saving a life time for the pleasure of seeing the European continent during their leisure days, their funds are limited and each passing year lessens their opportunity to go. For them it's sort of a last chance thing, and, they have little enough to brighten their last years.

I hope you may ponder this suggestion and introduce such a proposal for consideration.

Very truly yours,

LUCILLE E. HAGER.