

Right at a time when it seems that our Public Relations with all foreign countries is at a low ebb, we should be doing something to build up our Image instead of further making more complicated situations World wise as Mr. Fowler's plan recommends.

Thanking you for all the help you can give us in this trying matter, we are,  
Sincerely,

FAYE FREEMAN, *Owner.*

ARDUNN TRAVEL, INC.,  
Pasadena, Calif., February 14, 1968.

MR. WILBUR D. MILLS,  
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,  
1102 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.:

We are opposed to Mr. Fowler's Travel Tax proposals, because this legislation:

1. is restrictive, punitive, unjust, self-defeating and may well be unconstitutional. What is needed are constructive ideas, not restrictive measures,

2. is unenforceable, unworkable, requiring a large apparatus to cope with the complex paper work and an immeasurably larger bureaucracy to administer. In the end it will cost more taxpayer's money than will be gained.

3. is discriminatory, based upon misleading statistics and is against the American principles of free movement.

4. is a shortsighted expedient which will not solve the payments imbalance but will create serious problems by curtailing the purchasing power of Foreign Countries and Carriers for American products, such as aircraft (2.5 billion worth on order at the present time!) components, electronic equipment, etc.,

5. will provoke retaliation from other Governments by blocking purchase of U.S. Products and impeding their Nationals from travelling to the U.S.A. (Foreign Travelers spent almost 1.9 billion for U.S.A. Travel in 1967 the highest ever recorded),

6. in the end, with its far reaching consequences, might produce an even greater imbalance of payments,

7. threatens the livelihood of hundreds of thousands of U.S. Citizens and Taxpayers presently employed in the Travel, Transportation, and Aircraft Industries, etc.

RICHARD DUNN, *President.*

ART'S TRAVEL BUREAU,  
Richard, Calif., February 26, 1968.

MR. WILBUR D. MILLS,  
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,  
1102 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

HONORABLE SIR: We wish to protest Mr. Fowler's travel tax proposed legislation, which we understand will impose:

(1) A permanent tax on international air transportation and certain international water transportation

(2) A temporary graduated tax on expenditures in connection with travel outside the Western Hemisphere.

We oppose this because the proposed legislature is discriminatory and unjust and may well be unconstitutional

because it is unenforceable, unworkable and leaves too many restricted movement

because it is against the American principle of free and unrestricted movement

because it is a short-sighted expedient which will not solve any problems but rather create more serious problems in the future

The livelihood of our 200,000 citizens is in danger, the rights of millions of Americans are in jeopardy. Mr. Fowler's proposals are a confession of failure, the failure of the Treasury Department to cope with the imbalance problem in a constructive manner.

We submit the above as a formal protest because as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee we know that you want to know the feelings of people directly concerned with this legislation.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR BARKOFF,  
EMILIE V. BARKOFF,  
HILDA JORY,  
MARIA CARDOSA.