

nection with travel outside the western hemisphere, if passed, will impose an almost unbearable burden on the small agent like myself.

As we see this, such legislation is discriminatory to only one small segment of the whole balance of payments problem. Also it is unenforceable with many loopholes for the ones you are trying to reach.

In all the history of this country there has never been any attempt to deprive Americans of free and unrestricted movement.

Although I do not believe you will accomplish your objectives of restricted movement, you may well in the process eliminate just one more small business like ours. I urge your committee to respond to this sincere plea and table permanently any such discriminatory legislation.

Very Sincerely yours,

M. W. CHAMBERLAIN, *Partner.*

L-D TRAVEL SERVICE,
Denver, Colo., February 13, 1968.

Re travel tax proposals.

Mr. WILBUR D. MILLS,
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, U.S. House of Representatives, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: As a member of the Association of Retail Travel Agents, the proposed legislation which concerns us primarily comes in two parts:

- (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 are opposed:

Because the proposed legislature is discriminatory and unjust and may well be unconstitutional; Because it is unenforceable, unworkable and leaves too many loopholes; 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.

Very truly yours,

MARY O. VENABLE, *President.*

MARGARET CHASE TRAVEL SERVICE,
Phoenix, Ariz., February 27, 1968.

Mr. WILBUR D. MILLS,
*Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means,
U.S. House of Representatives,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. MILLS: We are opposed to the proposed legislation which would tax the traveler departing this country because:

1. It is discriminatory and unjust and may possibly be unconstitutional.
2. It is unenforceable, unworkable and leaves too many loopholes.
3. It is a short-sighted expedient which will not solve any problems but rather will create more serious problems in the future.
4. It is against the principle of free and unrestricted movement which is part of the American image and reality.

The few liberties we possess are being chipped away day after day. To tax foreign travel is to restrict it to some extent. This is alien to the Nation's purpose.

Thank you for your courteous attention to the point brought out in this letter.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. VINCENT CHASE.