

The proposals by the Secretary of Treasury impress me as being very discriminatory, unjust, and enforcement would create a monstrous situation.

I am utterly opposed to any restrictions to travel on our citizens except only under strict National emergency. The principle of free and unrestricted movement should be encouraged—not opposed.

Granted the balance of foreign payments is a very serious problem, but I truly do not feel travel is the area to be examined and I question the Secretary of Treasurer's statistics with reference to tourists overseas spending.

My basis for opposition is based on a total of 41 years experience in the field of Transportation—eight years experience as an officer in the U.S. Merchant Marines; five years active duty in the U.S. Navy with every moment associated with transportation, both overseas and in Navy Headquarters in Washington; ten years as an executive in U.S. Steamship Companies; and 18 years as a Travel Agent. I bring out these personal statistics merely to try to prove my point that I am writing from long experience, and a lot of thought.

I sincerely hope that you and your committee will find means to avoid what I consider unnecessary curbs.

Respectfully yours,

R. D. KINGSBURY.

LAGUNA HILLS, CALIF.,
February 17, 1968.

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

DEAR SIR: I should like to register my opposition to the proposed International Travel Tax which I understand will receive a public hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee next month.

This proposal strikes me as being discriminatory, unjust, unworkable, the enforcement of which would create another bureaucratic monster, and we now have too many of those.

Very truly yours,

Mr. and Mrs. FLOYD M. SHARP.

LOS ALAMITOS, CALIF.,
February 19, 1968.

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

DEAR SIR: Please accept this as a formal statement of protest to the Proposal to Tax Overseas Travellers.

We, as American citizens feel that any tax of this kind is discriminatory and unjust because it is against the American principle of free and unrestricted movement.

We believe it is unworkable and leaves too many loopholes.

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

This tax will not affect the wealthy, for a few more dollars means nothing to them so it will only create hardships on those Americans who have been saving for a trip to Europe for many years.

We have earned our money honestly, we have paid our share of taxes and we are asking that our voices be heard in this matter!

Yours truly,

JAMES W. HARRISON.
LAURA M. HARRISON.
GAY L. HARRISON.

LONG BEACH, CALIF.,
February 19, 1968.

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

DEAR SIR: We are writing to you in formal protest in regard to the proposed overseas travelers tax. Any such tax in our opinion would certainly be discriminatory and unjust, and may even be unconstitutional. We feel that it is against the American Principle of free and unrestricted movement.