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Hon. George B. Schwabe
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schwabe:

Now that the war is over, the thoughts of the people are turning to ways of maintaining prosperity during peace time; therefore, I am writing you in regard to the President's unemployment compensation plan.

All during the war there was talk of the high wages that labor was receiving, but very little was said about the prices labor had to pay for the necessities of life. The War Labor Board admitted, however, that living costs had increased thirty per cent while wage increases were held down to fifteen per cent.

Many working people were forced to buy homes in order to have a place to live and the prices on these homes were twice their actual value. Thousands of workers moved to other places so that their skill could be used where needed most. There, they had to buy furniture and pay a double price.

Since the war is over, the workers have lost their jobs but the payments on their homes and furniture must be made as before. They must have money to make those payments. They were robbed once, but there is no reason for them to be robbed again.

Industry received a subsidy during the war in order to increase profits. Labor should be entitled to some protection in the reconversion period. Therefore, I urge you to work and vote for the passage of the unemployment compensation bill now pending in Congress.

Sincerely yours,

Dean Baugh

Dean Baugh, Executive Secretary
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