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February 21, 1945

Mr. Glenn C. Kiley, President
Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce
Commerce Exchange Building
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Mr. Kiley:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 17th instant relative to the so-called May labor conscription bill, which passed the House sometime ago. I note that your Chamber went on record as favoring the enactment of this bill into law.

I voted against the May Bill, and believe my position was correct. My aversion to some of the iniquities of the bill and its imperfections, are set forth in a speech of mine in the Congressional Record, copy of which I am pleased to enclose herewith.

I am favorable to the adoption of a law which will result in putting a lot of folks into the Army and essential industries who today seem to be dodging both; but I am not favorable to the enactment of any law that will destroy free enterprise and free labor in America. I am convinced that this is exactly what the May Bill will do if it becomes law, and do not believe the Senate will pass the May Bill in its present form.

Thanking you for writing me concerning this matter, and with best wishes to you and the members of your organization, I am

Sincerely yours,

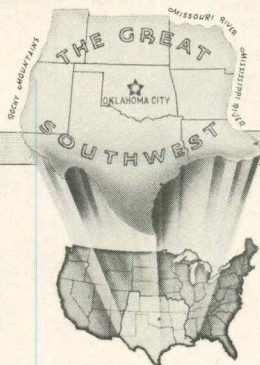
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February 17, 1945

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

My dear Congressman:

Realizing that you always appreciate being advised as to what your constituents at home are thinking of legislation pending before the Congress, I am writing this personal letter with reference to action taken by the Chamber of Commerce with reference to the "Work or Fight" bill, which is as follows:

"The National Affairs Committee having carefully considered the "Work or Fight" legislation now pending in the Congress of the United States, which legislation is popularly designated as the May Bill, recommended by the vote of fourteen (14) to five (5) that this Chamber go on record as favoring the early enactment of same into law."

The Chamber of Commerce, acting through its Board of Directors on February 15, 1945, unanimously adopted the report of the National Affairs Committee which was presented by John H. Cantrell, Chairman of the National Affairs Committee.

With very best wishes and kindest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely,

Glenn C. Kiley, President
Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce

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