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May 27, 1946

Mr. M. Sanditen, President  
Oklahoma Tire & Supply Co.,  
10 North Cheyenne  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Friend:

I have your letter of the 23rd instant voicing  
your opposition to H.R. 3914.

In my opinion, this is just another explosive  
idea of the New Dealirium. It is a bill which might  
result in just what you anticipate. I am not for any  
such legislation, and I am glad to let you know that I  
do not like all this socialistic, communistic program  
of the present Administration, and I am constantly fighting  
against it.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.

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M. SANDITEN  
PRESIDENT

May 23, 1946

Representative George B. Schwabe  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

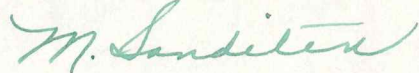
I know that you are most busily engaged during these trying days of our national life, but I feel compelled to write you to voice my objections to an item of proposed legislation which I consider to be particularly inimical to retail business. I refer to H. R. 3914 as amended by the House Labor Committee.

It is my understanding that the bill in its present form would subject any retail business which has more than four outlets, or enjoys an annual volume in excess of \$500,000.00, to the provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act. My censure of such legislation is not premised upon the amount of the minimum wage primarily, but is based upon the unfair and inequitable discrimination that would result against the retail merchant who does a larger volume of business, thus placing him in a disadvantageous position, compared to the smaller merchant who would not be subjected to the terms of the act.

In addition, I believe the enactment of such legislation would set a particularly evil precedent in classifying acknowledgedly intra-state retail business within the province of inter-state commerce, a policy the ultimate result of which might spell the extinction of state governments.

I should be pleased to have the benefit of any thoughts which you might care to express in the matter.

Sincerely yours,



M. Sanditen

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