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Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Brite  
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Dear Friends:

I have your letter of the 15th expressing your views on four measures pending before Congress.

I agree with you in favoring the retention of the control of atomic energy with the civilians and not vesting it in the military authorities. This bill has not yet come before the House for action and I have not had the benefit of the arguments that will be made in favor of and against the same. But my present inclination is to say that your position is the one that I have thus far favored.

With reference to the loan to Britain, I have canvassed my District pretty thoroughly on this subject, and the results show that ten to one are against the loan. I think the attitude of Congress is opposed to it except those who have such strong New Deal loyalty that they will not deviate from any policy advocated by the Administration, plus, of course, a few who conscientiously favor the proposal. Under the circumstances, I am not inclined to favor this loan.

With reference to the Patman Bill, H.R. 4761, I might suggest that this bill passed the House some time ago with numerous helpful amendments. The Committee on Banking and Currency which considered the bill, was hopelessly divided into three groups, and no one apparently would favor the measure in its entirety. The bill was almost completely rewritten on the floor of the House, and I think is a great improvement over the ideas that the author, Mr. Patman, had expressed in his original bill. I voted for the passage of the bill as it was finally amended and rewritten in the House.

I am glad you wrote me, as I always appreciate having the benefit of the thinking of my constituents, and particularly my friends. Hence, I feel you will appreciate an exchange of ideas by having me tell you what the situation is from this end of the line as well as the action I have taken, or am inclined to take, on controversial issues.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

George B. Schwabe, M.C.





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HON. GEO. W. SCHWABE,  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEAR SIR:

REALIZING THE TREMENDOUS PROBLEMS FACING OUR COUNTRY AT THE PRESENT TIME, WE WANT TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR CONVICTIONS REGARDING A FEW MATTERS WITH WHICH YOU ARE NOW FACED. ONE MATTER IN WHICH WE ARE INTERESTED IS THE MAY-JOHNSON BILL (H.R. 4566). YOU, OF COURSE, ARE FAMILIAR WITH THIS BILL AND KNOW THAT IN EFFECT IT TURNS THE ATOMIC ENERGY CONTROL INTO THE HANDS OF THE MILITARY. WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE MILITARY HAVING CONTROL OF A PROJECT LIKE THIS AND MUCH PREFER THE McMAHON BILL (S. 1717), WHICH LEAVES THE CONTROL OF ATOMIC ENERGY TO THE CIVILIANS.

THE SECOND THING WE WISH TO MENTION IS THE LOAN TO BRITAIN. WE ARE IN FAVOR OF THIS LOAN BECAUSE BRITAIN IS MAKING CERTAIN CONCESSIONS IN ITS POLICIES AND WE BELIEVE THIS LOAN TO BE IN THE INTEREST OF WORLD ECONOMY.

THIRD AND LAST, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST YOUR SUPPORT OF THE PATMAN BILL (H.R. 4761).

IT IS NOT OUR PURPOSE TO BURDEN YOU WITH A LOT OF ARGUMENTS AS TO THE PROS AND CONS OF THESE QUESTIONS BECAUSE WITHOUT A DOUBT YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT ALL OF THE ANGLES FOR AND AGAINST, BUT, IT IS THOUGHT THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OUR POSITION REGARDING THESE MATTERS.

RESPECTFULLY,

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