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SECRETARY

Hon. John E. Fogarty
1133 House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fogarty:

Apparently legislation will be proposed in the next session of Congress for a program to provide Federal aid to education. I firmly believe that such a program is against the best interests of your constituants. For one thing, published figures, which I have seen, indicate that the ratio of classrooms to students is far better than it was ten years ago. This would indicate that most of the states have been doing a good job on their own. I think you will agree that Rhode Island has done a good job and that there is no crisis here.

There are, I know, a few states which have fallen down, but is this not because of a policy of maintaining lower taxes in order to attract industry? And, has not Rhode Island suffered through the loss of industry to just such states as these?

I hope you will not now favor legislation which will increase our Federal tax burden in order to "bail out" those states which have been remiss in their own programs for education.

Very truly yours,

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