

May 17, 1955

Hon. Robert F. Wagner
Mayor, City of New York
City Hall
New York 7, N. Y.

Dear Bob:

At the present time there is before the Congress of the United States proposed legislation restoring to national banks the power to invest in and underwrite obligations of public authorities and revenue bonds of states, municipalities and their agencies.

Such proposed legislation, if enacted, would provide greater competition for our future bond offerings by adding a vast new market for our obligations. This will tend to decrease interest rates thereby reducing the cost of our future projects.

The Port of New York Authority has sent the enclosed letter to their Bond Counsel authorizing them to present its support of the proposed legislation to the Federal Reserve Board. This Authority has taken similar action with its Bond Counsel. This legislation is not only of interest to public authorities, but also to municipalities which issue revenue bonds.

I ask your cooperation in presenting the proposal before the meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors to be held later this month so that they may give their official support to the proposed measure.

I trust that this request will meet with your approval.

Cordially,

/S/ ROBERT MOSES

Chairman

Enclosure
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cc: Mr. Moses' File