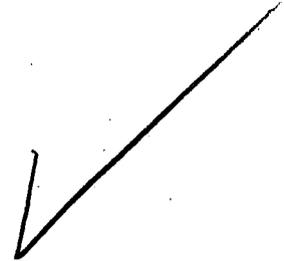


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Dear Congressman Steed:

I want to call your attention to a new and impressive Senate report, "Public Participation in Regulatory Agency Proceedings." This report persuasively documents what has long been suspected: While the regulated industries dominate the regulatory process in Washington, the consumer voice is only rarely heard.

This study, unanimously reported by the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, dramatically makes the case for creation of a consumer agency equipped to represent consumers before government agencies. The committee itself recommends that Congress pass the consumer agency legislation.

I commend this study to you and enclose for your convenience a copy of the Summary of Findings, and the chapter of the report devoted to a discussion of an independent consumer agency. I am also enclosing a New York Times column, by Tom Wicker, in which the Senate report is analyzed.

Sincerely,

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