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Honorable Maurice Tobin,
Secretary of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

WHILE IN ATTENDANCE AT A MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE BEING HELD IN KANSAS CITY I LEARNED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR HAS APPROVED REGULATIONS CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FEDERAL AIRPORT ACT STOP I AM A MEMBER OF THIS COMMITTEE AND AS YOU KNOW FORT WORTH IS CONSTRUCTING ONE OF THE FINEST AIRPORTS IN THE COUNTRY AND THESE REGULATIONS APPARENTLY WILL IMPOSE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS ON BOTH THE CITIES AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL BE EXTREMELY UNDESIRABLE AND COSTLY STOP IT ^{Appears} ~~IS ALSO~~ APPARENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE PRINCIPALS IN ESTABLISHING WAGE RATES TO BE USED ON AIRPORT PROJECTS IS IMPROPERLY INCREASING COSTS OF AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT DUE TO THE IMPROPER CLASSIFICATION OF CHARACTER OF CONSTRUCTION BY ESTABLISHING BUILDING RATE SCALE AND HEAVY CONSTRUCTION SCALE WHEN WORK IS ACTUALLY OF HIGHWAY CHARACTER STOP FURTHER DETERMINATION OF CLASS OF WORK IN THE VICINITY IS NOT BEING PROPERLY MADE AT MANY LOCATIONS WHEN RATES ARE GIVEN WHICH APPLY TO LARGE URBAN AREAS NEAR BY INSTEAD OF IN THE SMALLER COMMUNITIES ACTUALLY CONCERNED STOP THESE POLICIES ARE UNNECESSARILY INCREASING COSTS AND GREATLY DISTURBING LOCAL LABOR AND FINANCIAL ECONOMIC STABILITY STOP I KNOW YOU ARE VERY INTERESTED IN DEPARTMENTAL PROBLEMS OF THIS NATURE AND WILL DO ALL YOU CAN TO HELP CORRECT THIS SITUATION STOP I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU PERSONALLY CONTACT THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE C A A WHO CAN EXPLAIN THE PROBLEMS MORE FULLY TO YOU STOP I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVISING ME WHAT ACTION YOU TAKE

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