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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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Mr. Henry Blackburn
2108 Oliver Avenue South
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Dear Mr. Blackburn:

Thank you for sharing with me your views on the proposed "safeguard" anti-ballistic missile system supported by President Nixon.

The enclosed statement summarizes my own attitude toward possible deployment of an anti-ballistic missile system at this time. I hope you will find it of interest.

I believe, in short, that the President's decision is a tragic mistake that will actually lessen our national security. Moreover, it will cripple our ability to feed, house, teach and give hope to the hopeless of urban and rural America.

Your support on this critical issue is very encouraging. You may be sure that I will continue to speak against deployment of such a system until the technical questions about it are resolved, and the implications of its great and open-ended cost are fully understood by the public.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

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Enclosure