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Dear Doctor Keys:

I am pleased more than you will know by your letter of June 16th. It is comforting to have the world's leading authority on my side in this local dispute with the dairy interests.

During this past Legislative Session I made two trips to testify at hearings before the House Committee and on one of these trips I was accompanied by two of my colleagues, Drs. N. W. Barker and R. W. Achor. I think that you know that Dr. Lowell W. Weber and Dr. Richard J. Frey, both from Minneapolis, also testified at these hearings. You may be interested to know that the dairy spokesmen at these hearings made no secret of the fact that the dairy industry supported some of your research and intimated very strongly that you were opposed to any such legislation as this. They quoted Jeremiah Stamler as having a similar attitude.

Having read almost everything that you have written on the subject, I could hardly believe that you would oppose legislation, such as this, and your letter of June 16th certainly bears this out. I hope that when this question comes up again, two years hence, before the Legislature, as I am certain that it will, we can count on your support.

Incidentally, Doctor Keys, I have had the opportunity of looking through your book, "Eat Well And Stay Well", and I want to compliment you on doing a splendid job. It is a most helpful book which I can enthusiastically recommend to my patients.

Sincerely yours,



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