

September 10, 1934.

Jacob Baker, Asst. Admr.,
Federal Emergency Relief Administration,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jacob:

I am enclosing a resolution which I just received from the Utah Manufacturers Association with regard to the establishment of mattress factories in Utah. I think you will be interested in their attitude.

I am inclined to think that the establishment of such factories may have rather serious political repercussions that might be more harmful than the benefits to be gained by the unemployed from such factories, and I am in sympathy with the attitude of the Association. If these new factories simply mean a displacement of present workers in the factories which are now operating I do not see that there would be a great economic gain to the community as a whole. It is simply setting up a cooperative system within the capitalistic system, and I favor other methods of making the present system operate more satisfactorily.

Very sincerely yours,

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Utah Manufacturers Association

General Offices, Kearns Building

Salt Lake City, Utah.

Sept. 5, 1934.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the State Advisory Committee on Public Welfare and Emergency Relief of the State of Utah has recently taken official action to establish four mattress factories in Utah for the purpose of manufacturing ten thousand mattresses for distribution to persons in Utah, and

WHEREAS there are already established in Utah eleven privately owned mattress factories with a combined output of approximately sixteen thousand mattresses per annum, and such mattress factories are tax payers in this State, and,

WHEREAS such government and state owned mattress factories will be in direct competition with the product of the eleven privately owned factories now in business and will inevitably tend to depreciate if not destroy the value and usefulness of such privately owned factories.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Special Committee of the Board of Directors of The Utah Manufacturers Association that we vigorously protest, not against the principle of supplying the needy, but against the manner in so doing as employed by the State Advisory Committee on Public Welfare and Emergency Relief, as being destructive to private business and to the working men and women employed therein and as being subversive of American principle. Be it further resolved that we urge all similar organizations to make vigorous protests in this matter.

UTAH MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

(Signed) J. F. Whitaker
President.

September 15, 1934.

Mr. Jacob Baker,
Federal Emergency Relief Adm.,
1734 New York Ave., N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jake:

For your information I am sending you some other resolutions by manufacturers associations protesting against the establishment of mattress factories by the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

Very truly yours,

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