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HOME FURNITURE AND APPLIANCE CO.

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Telephone 14

January 12, 1949.

Marriner C. Eccles,
Federal Board of Reserve,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Eccles:

It has become habitual for me to write you, as in the past for reasons that I always had great admiration in the way you administered the rules and powers invested in you when you had the entire freedom to do so.

I have read where the auto industry is protesting in connection with regulation W in its present form, and would like to have it revised and payment time prolonged.

To this I feel very much opposed, for reasons why an exception should be made in their case. If the present structure of the regulation is tampered with, it will produce dangerous results and the country will find itself in a worse mess than exists today. All the available money will flow into the above industry and others such as shoes textiles furniture durable goods and even food dealers, will suffer thereby and this in return will create an element of unemployment, that will endanger the economic structure of the country.

If the regulation was not lifted at the time it was, we would not have found ourselves quite as bad off as at the present time for it gave many the opportunity to rush in to buy and get in debt, and now when the payoff is here many are dizzy and know not which way to turn, and take care of their debts.

The auto industry is one that in the past has enjoyed exceptional business, and profits and no fear of failing, and as we look around we find thousands of other business falling by the wayside for many reasons and some beyond their control. If the regulation on autos is eased up many will just sweat to pay for the car, evade their debts and deprive their homes and family the things they are in dire need of, and just at this particular time when the earning power is not longer there and the country has to go through a period of adjustment.

Applying the present regulation to my own business, I feel real satisfied, as it acts as a safeguard, and avoids dangerous credits and lossess, and I am one hundred percent for it.

The large operator and department store is not complaining about the present position of reg. W and the small fellow ought to be thank ful for it supplies working capitol and lessens credit lossess.

I respect Regulation W for it has been one of the most helpful and sane pieces of legislation enacted in modern times and trust that its life will be proflonged to such time when conditions are back to normal, and we can see the light of a new era.

Sincerely yours.

Leo M. Jacobs (Signed)

Gov. Eccles

January 31, 1949

Mr. Leo M. Jacobs, Proprietor,
Home Furniture and Appliance Co.,
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St. Albans, Vermont.

Dear Mr. Jacobs:

Thank you for your letter of January 12 concerning
Regulation W.

Your views that the regulation is necessary and de-
sirable and your opposition to immediate relaxation as proposed
by many automobile dealers are interesting indeed. Your opinion
will be considered in our continuing study of the subject.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles

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