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January 15, 1964

John D. Feerick, Esq.  
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Dear Mr. Feerick:

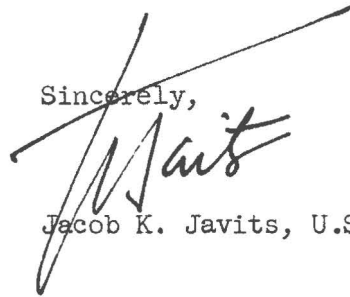
I very much regret that the press of Senate business and the holidays have delayed my reply to your letter of November 27, 1963. I very much appreciate your forwarding to me a copy of your article in the Fordham Law Review entitled "The Problem of Presidential Inability--Will Congress Ever Solve It?"

I am deeply concerned about the fact that, especially under present conditions, the Nation for the second time in 20 years is without a Vice President, an officer whose function has grown in importance so greatly since the drafting of the Constitution. For this reason I have introduced S. J. Res. 138, a proposed Constitutional amendment providing for the election of a Vice President by the two Houses of Congress when the incumbent ascends to the Presidency. I am enclosing for your information a copy of my remarks at the time of introduction of this proposal.

I am also very much concerned about the problem of Presidential disability which is not dealt with by my proposal and assure you that in my consideration of that bill, I will give your thoughtful article my closest attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Jacob K. Javits, U.S.S.

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Enclosure