May 7, 1935

Cherry Tree Road,
Loudonville, N.Y.

Senator Royal S. Copeland,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Copeland:-

May I in my capacity as a citizen of the State of New York respectfully request that you do everything possible to prevent the enactment into law of the proposed Wagner Relations Bill now pending before Congress.

The danger that threatens through the enactment of this legislation does not seem to be realized by the general public. The wage earning employees in mills and manufacturing plants sense it much more than does the "average citizen". It isn't merely a matter of Government assent to effective intimidation of employees by professional labor organizers and their supporting "mobs"; or the setting up of the false principal of antagonism instead of mutual interest between employee and employer; or the throwing into the scrap heap of the advancement in Employee-Employer relations during the last three years; or universal enforced payment of dues by the check off system (deduction from pay checks), that makes this whole Bill so dangerous to the population of our country.

It is the fact that the Government under this bill would set up a bureaucracy within the Government that within three years could become stronger than the Government itself. With the support of this Bill the American Federation of Labor could become so securely entrenched and financed as to make demagogues of those of their leaders who could grasp control; and in the meantime the laboring men of this country, including others than the earners of daily wages, would be nothing but pawns in a new militant tyranny such as most Americans of today have no conception.

I began working with my hands in the steel mills in the Homestead and Pittsburgh districts, and after thirty years of "ups and downs" I am still in more or less direct contact with thousands of the class of men whose welfare this Bill pretends to advance.

I say to you with all seriousness that nothing more tragic could happen to our nation than the enactment of this Bill into law.

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At this particular time there is a built-up potential demand for all products of industry that can hardly be over estimated. In the more resourceful channels of industry the years of depression have been utilized for testing out improved products for better service. An aggressive forward movement which will register national volume and widespread employment awaits only a declaration of peace, clarity and mutual confidence among our people.

It is the hope of an overwhelming majority of thinking and honest people that the tragic mistake of permitting the Wagner Bill to become law will not be permitted, and I, as a citizen of your State, hope you will do everything possible to prevent its enactment.

Respectfully yours,

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A. Wilbur Mace.

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