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Gentlemen:

I am writing to you at the suggestion of Professor Stigler, under whom I am studying for a Ph.D. degree at Columbia, and who is one of the authors of the pamphlet on rent control published by you. I believe it is entitled "Roofs or Ceilings?" I would greatly appreciate your sending me a copy of this excellent pamphlet, which certainly deserves the widest possible circulation.

I have been appalled at the attitude of the great majority of so-called "intellectuals." This attitude is one of passionate hatred of the capitalist and private enterprise system, admiration of all activities of ruthless power groups so long as these groups campaign on attacks against free enterprise (e.g. organized labor, the Soviet Union), and a shocking ignorance of the whole Western tradition of liberalism. Anyone who dares support the principles of the Rule of Law, of political and economic freedom, is immediately accused of being a "Fascist", a "black reactionary", a "paid agent of the N.A.M.", and is forthwith ostracized from "intellectual" society.

In view of this widespread and dangerous attitude among the influential "intelligentsia", it is imperative that organizations exist which disseminate the principles of economic liberalism, and dispel the vast amount of confusion that Leftist propaganda has generated in the public mind. The courage which you have shown in printing such an "unpopular" pamphlet leads me to believe that yours is such an organization. I would greatly appreciate your informing me of the program and purposes of your organization, and of other pamphlets and publications that you have issued. I wish to thank you for your generous cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Murray N. Rothbard

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