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On Ideal Billiard Hall on Western Avenue.

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Mr. President:

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would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that

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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, Jan 12, 1925

To The City Council  
City-County Bldg.,  
Seattle, Washington

I wrote you a few days ago relative to the intolerable situation with regard to bootlegging, graft and holdups in our city and relation of the Mayor thereto.

Two days ago I was in a business house on Western Avenue. The proprietor told me the following story. First, that the Ideal Billiard Hall on Western Avenue is a regular bootlegging establishment and that booze is sold there practically as free as in the days of the saloon. Second, that this matter has been reported to the police many times but without any adequate action. Third, that the policemen on the beat and the sargent from the station go into this place frequently and must know what is going on. Fourth, he also stated that there was little use of reporting it to the policemen because no action would be taken.

It is my judgment that this is fairly indicative of the condition in our city today. It is my judgment that many of the policemen who would gladly do their duty do not do so because they know that when it is carried higher up the same will not be appreciated and that it will do no good. We must have a mayor who does not use his office for personal aggrandizement; who will not promote graft; who will not encourage and protect bootlegging; who will suppress highway robbery, gambling and dens of vice. We must have a mayor who believes in the enforcement of laws in reality and not in merely talking about them. There should be moral fibre in the whole executive department of our city administration.

You who are in the Council of our city must know where the trouble lies and I again request that you give serious consideration to the matter of removing the present mayor and putting in his place one who will represent ideals of decency and honor and give us an administration of a cleaner and nobler character.

Very truly,

*Chas. L. Maxfield*