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Dear Committee Members,

As the inventor of the telegraph, I am in strong support of SB 686.

Many, many years ago my invention became obsolete when new and more efficient means of communication were developed.

Suddenly all my hard work was for nothing. People no longer had to slowly tap out messages in dashes and dots and then hand deliver those messages to people miles away on horseback.

Frankly, I lost my shirt. If the opportunity had arisen for me to get a bundle of cash from those creeps who invented the telephone, and the fax machine, (email...don't even get me started) I would have grabbed it in second.

Please be sure to get a pile of money from those pesky internet jerks to prop up the local newspapers. And while you're at it, consider taxing offset presses. Those things really screwed over Guttenberg.

Sam Morse