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TO: Fulton County Delegation
Advisory Committee Members
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FROM: John F. Standridge, Executive Director
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In order to meet the needs of students as well as the needs of business and industry, it is necessary to provide Vocational Education in various fields where the needs occur. More funds are needed in Vocational Education to help meet these needs.

Programs which have been authorized nationwide by the new 1968 Vocational Education Amendments and other Vocational Acts for the Fiscal Year 1970 amounts to \$773,661,455. The President in his Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 1970 requested only \$286,377,455 which is \$487,284,000 less than the authorization.

Some of the programs that will be affected by this cut includes the Work Study Program, which provides needy students with part-time jobs while they are going to school. This program was completely eliminated from an authorization of \$35,000,000. The Cooperative Education Programs were cut from \$35,000,000 to \$14,000,000. Programs for Students with Special Needs were completely eliminated from an authorization of \$40,000,000 and Construction of Residential Vocational Schools was eliminated from an authorization of \$55,000,000. These are just four of several programs that received cuts. However, these four programs are most significant if we are to eliminate the problems of unemployment and poverty in Atlanta and Fulton County.

We are again asking your continued support of Vocational Education and that you enlist the support of Congressman Fletcher Thompson and Senators Richard Russell and Herman Talmadge requesting that they vote for the full appropriation. We understand that Congress will finalize the Budget Proposal shortly after the first of March so time is fleeting. We must have action now!

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