

THE PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION
ON INCOME MAINTENANCE PROGRAMS

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20036

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Honorable Ivan Allen, Jr.
Mayor of the City of Atlanta
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

The President's Commission on Income Maintenance Programs was appointed by the President on January 2, 1968, and directed to report to the President and to the public within two years on an unusually wide range of issues relating to existing public welfare and income maintenance programs and to propose necessary reforms.

The President gave to the Commission the following mandate: (1) to examine and assess aspects of existing welfare and related programs; (2) to recommend constructive improvements wherever needed and indicated; (3) to examine alternative programs, however unconventional, which would promise a constructive advance in meeting the income needs of all Americans; (4) to examine major reforms proposed in recent years including several varieties of minimum income guarantees; (5) to evaluate the costs and benefits of these proposals in terms of their effects, both on the recipients and on the economy.

This charter is broad and comprehensive. The Commission cannot hope to successfully accomplish its assignment without the assistance of interested and concerned Americans. As a Mayor, you have direct experience with existing programs, and with the basic problems to which the programs are addressed. We would like to invite your opinions or suggestions on the issues that are cited above.

Your response to this request can be a valuable contribution to the work of the Commission. We would be happy to receive anything you care to contribute with whatever data you are able to provide and assure you that your reply will be carefully studied by members of the Commission and the staff.

Very truly yours,



Ben W. Heineman
Chairman