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TO: Chairmen and Executive Directors of Local
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FROM: Lowell R. Beck, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Senate Action on Public Service Employment

Last month we asked you to call or telegram your senators, urging their support for the Clark-Javits-Prouty bill on Public Service Employment. Although we expected it to be offered as an amendment to the Manpower Development and Training Act extension, MDTA was not called up for a vote and no action was taken.

It now appears that MDTA will be before the full Senate late this week or early next week. Once again, we call on you to let your senators know your feelings about the need for public service employment. Please ask them to support Senator Clark's amendment to the Manpower Development and Training Act Extension (S. 2938).

Several days ago we asked you to urge your senators to support higher appropriations for education and poverty programs, and your response was most gratifying. Thanks to the combined efforts of many interested persons, the full Senate raised the appropriations figures significantly. We have another chance in these closing days of Congress to be heard on one of the most significant programs affecting our cities and would appreciate your assistance.

Enclosed for your information is a factual memorandum on the latest version of the Clark-Javits-Prouty bill.

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Enclosure