

THE URBAN COALITION ACTION COUNCIL

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Memorandum To: Chairmen and Executive Directors of Local
Urban Coalitions

Subject: HEW and OEO Appropriations for Fiscal Year 1969

Several days ago local coalitions were asked to urge their congressmen to support a strong Housing and Urban Development Act, and many coalitions responded vigorously. The Act has been passed by the Senate and House and conferees are working out the differences.

We now call your attention to another important measure which is vital to the well-being of urban communities -- the Appropriations Bill for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the Office of Economic Opportunity.

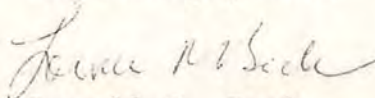
The House of Representatives refused to appropriate funds at levels considered minimal by the Administration in the fields of education and poverty. A memorandum summarizing programs of highest priority and budget request reductions is enclosed for your information. Also enclosed is a list of cities affected by the House's reductions in Title I, ESEA.

The House also cut substantially requests for funds for Maternity and Infant Care projects, Child Welfare Demonstration Projects, and Maternal and Child Health Research Centers.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, HEW and Related Agencies is considering the appropriations measure this week, and it is expected to be before the full Senate Appropriations Committee on July 23. Senate action is expected late next week or early in the week of July 29.

Local coalition members are urged to ask their senators to support full funding of these measures. It would be particularly helpful if Appropriations Committee members were contacted, and the list of members is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,



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