

ROBERT SARGENT SHRIVER, JR.

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Honorable Ivan Allen  
Mayor of Atlanta  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

Dear Mayor Allen:

I should like to express my warmest personal thanks for your fine support of the legislation for the Office of Economic Opportunity which was recently approved by the Congress. Although the amount appropriated will not permit us to do all we would like to do or should do in Fiscal Year 1968, the passage of the legislation with our programs and mandate intact constitutes a significant victory not only for the poor, but for all Americans.

During the uncertain period of legislative debate your concern and expression of approval for the programs were of great value. I am convinced Congress would not have acted so favorably without the strong voice of local public officials who are most knowledgeable of the results of the war on poverty.

Your continued interest, and suggestions to us, can do much to assure OEO's continued success.

My best personal wishes for a fine Holiday Season and a good year ahead.

Sincerely,

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