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On behalf of Americans for Democratic Action I thank the subcommittee for allowing ADA time to testify on H.R. 12341—the Demonstration Cities Act of 1966, H.R. 12939—the Urban Development Act, and H.R. 13064—the Housing and Urban Development Amendments of 1966.

We fully support the administration in its goal of achieving a suitable living environment for all. The administration's proposals are important steps in that direction. However, as is natural and appropriate in a free society, ADA respectfully will suggest various amendments to the legislation under consideration. ADA believes that its suggested amendments will accelerate the "forces of change" in our urban areas so that they will in fact be "the masterpieces of our civilization."

First, I would like to discuss our urban problem.

We welcome the administration's outline of the current urban problem. To face our problems squarely and openly is an essential step in developing public policy. President Johnson's message on city development specified the major problems.

Next, I would like to comment on the need for comprehensive programs to attain a suitable living environment. Our principle goal is that all Americans are entitled to live in a suitable environment and that they are entitled to it now. They were entitled to it by the Housing Act of 1949, and they certainly are entitled to it at present, and that goal should be reached as rapidly as possible. Measured against this essential goal the proposals of the administration, while bold in conception, are woefully inadequate. The goal of "rebuilding slum and blighted areas and for providing the public facilities and services necessary to improve the general welfare of the people who live in these areas" commands our enthusiastic support. The size of the Federal commitment, however, in this—in the bills under consideration amounts to planned neglect. The small Federal commitment proposed in the demonstration cities program will not rebuild our cities. Millions of Americans will continue to live their lives in slum housing and blighted neighborhoods.

We engage in a process of self-deception if we believe that H.R. 12341, H.R. 12939, and H.R. 13064 fulfill the goal set forth by the Presidential message: Legislation to be "of sufficient magnitude both in its physical and social dimensions to arrest blight and decay in entire neighborhoods." Needed is at least a \$20 billion program over the next 5 years that will provide an increasing Federal commitment each year.

No matter how bold and imaginative programs are (such as the administration's proposals), if there is a paucity of Federal investment the needs of the urban poor will remain unmet. What is needed is not a demonstration program but a full-scale assault that recognizes slums cannot be eliminated until poverty is ended. Solutions to problems concerning our cities cannot be considered apart from measures necessary for achieving permanent full employment and eliminating poverty.