

from the city of New York, I believe I am well qualified to talk about the shameful conditions that exist in so many parts of so many cities throughout this Nation.

Although the Nation is now overwhelmingly urbanized, more than \$7 billion of the Federal budget still goes to subsidize agriculture, while less than 1 percent of the Federal budget is allocated to housing and to the orderly development of our urban communities. To save our central cities, we must impress upon the Congress that massive urban help is needed if we are "to make the American city a better and more stimulating place to live," as the President says.

Only in the last few years have we begun to legislate on any meaningful scale for the relief of the city dweller.

For decades, Congress, dominated by rural interests and parochial concerns, has been guilty of burying its head in the sand when it has come to meeting in a massive or imaginative way the complex problems of our urban areas. Decay and blight and the terrible social problems this deterioration brings in its train did not happen overnight. It is the result of long years of neglect and official indifference.

For that reason conditions in some of our major cities can only be described as depressing. Yet, at the same time, the American city can be tremendously exhilarating, from which the rest of America draws its economic and cultural sustenance. We must not take the easy way out and abandon the city to the ravages of blight that ultimately would consume it completely.

We should aspire to assure that in our time the city is transformed. Clearly, in sending to the Congress the demonstration cities program, the President has demonstrated an understanding of the magnitude of the problems of slum housing, unemployment, poverty, sickness, and illiteracy that plagues the city. If executed with vision and dedication and, especially if amply funded, the demonstration cities program has the potential for setting in motion the desired transformation. Basically, the demonstration cities program acknowledges that if we are to revitalize slum neighborhoods:

We must provide decent, safe housing although housing alone is not the answer.

We must upgrade education, although education alone is not the answer.

We must create new jobs and step up job training, although employment alone is not the answer.

We must provide better health care, although this alone is not the answer.

We must have the funds and programs for easing the pain of poverty, although fighting poverty alone is not the answer.

No single program will cure the acute economic, social, and physical sickness of the slum or ghetto. It will require an audacious, creative plan embodying all Federal programs in one massive effort.

Therefore in the face of the need, the recommended appropriation of only \$2.3 billion over the next 5 years for the supplementary grants is a disappointment to state it mildly. We must think in bolder terms, in terms of larger amounts of Federal expenditures.

Many of the mayors of our biggest cities, in testimony before this subcommittee, have already touched on this point. Mayor Cavanaugh