

and Mr. Barrett the concern of that association with the situation which now prevails in college housing.

May I say that the American Council on Education, which numbers among its membership 1,194 colleges and universities and 231 education organizations, has the same concerns and for precisely the same reasons as were expressed to you by Mr. Thackrey.

At a meeting of our Commission on Federal Relations February 28 this whole problem was discussed in detail. It was the view of the commission that the ability of colleges and universities to absorb the greatly increased numbers of students who will be seeking admission is already severely crippled by a shortage in college housing and that unless some solution is found the situation will soon be of crisis proportions.

I have discussed with Mr. Thackrey his request that the national association be permitted to present testimony at an appropriate time. Since both the association and the council are faced with the same inexorable facts, there would seem little point in our presenting separate testimony. I have suggested to him, therefore, that the council join with the association in presenting joint testimony. I hope that this approach will be satisfactory to you.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN F. MORSE, *Director of the Commission.*

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL,
Boston, March 18, 1966.

HON. WILLIAM A. BARRETT,
*Congressional Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN BARRETT: I am sending along a resolution which was recently adopted by the membership of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. You will see that it relates to H.R. 12946, the urban development bill which is currently before your subcommittee.

As you may know, the Metropolitan Area Planning Council was established by the Massachusetts Legislature in 1963 to represent the 79 cities and towns in the Boston standard metropolitan statistical area. This area has a population of over 2½ million.

Obviously, this area and these communities have a vital stake in responsible planning efforts. The incentives that H.R. 12946 holds out for this kind of activity, makes it a worthy and desirable piece of legislation. I hope your committee will take favorable action on this vital measure.

Respectfully yours,

ROBERT G. DAVIDSON, *Executive Director.*

RESOLUTION

Whereas the Metropolitan Area Planning Council has since its inception been working toward a comprehensive development plan for its district, and has acted to coordinate the efforts of the individual cities and towns within that district; and

Whereas President Lyndon B. Johnson said in his recent state of the Union message: "The powerful forces of urban growth threaten to overwhelm efforts to achieve orderly development. A metropolitan plan should be an instrument for shaping sound urban growth—not a neglected document"; and

Whereas H.R. 12946, known as the urban development bill and currently before the Congressional Committee on Banking and Currency, provides much needed incentives for effectuating plans by means of offering supplementary grants of 20 percent in addition to other Federal assistance for projects in metropolitan areas which have established areawide, comprehensive planning programs: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, That the council endorses and urges appropriate financing to fulfill the objectives of H.R. 12946, and favorable action on this measure because of its crucial importance to this area and because it generally encourages responsible planning efforts.