

THE KISSELL CO.,
Springfield, Ohio, March 14, 1966.

HON. WILLIAM A. BARRETT,
Chairman of the Subcommittee on Housing,
House of Representatives Office Building, Washington, D.C.

MY DEAR MR. BARRETT: I am writing to thank you, both in my capacity as chairman of the Springfield Committee for Community Action Now, as well as personally, for having extended to the representatives from our city the opportunity to appear before your committee last week to testify as to how desirable we feel that the proposed demonstration cities bill is.

As chairman of this citizens' committee, I hope that we speak on behalf of the entire population of Springfield, representing all interests—business, labor, and many civil groups. We feel there is tremendous merit in the proposed bill, and speaking for Springfield, I can assure you of our wholehearted backing and enthusiastic support. We are doing everything we can to demonstrate our needs, and to come up with the broad planning which we feel is necessary to permit us to be considered.

Once again, please let me thank you for your courtesy and consideration in permitting our city officials to testify.

Very truly yours,

HOWARD B. NOONAN,
Chairman of the Board.

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PROPOSED STATEMENT OF PURPOSES

1. To engage public concern in finding and achieving solutions to the urgent problems of our urban community.
2. To stimulate action by appropriate agencies, both public and private, in planning and executing needed projects.
3. To use all possible resources, both private and public, to accomplish this objective.
4. To seek immediately a creative and courageous program to rebuild the core area of Springfield, as a first step in dynamic urban improvement.

BROTHERHOOD OF PAINTERS, DECORATORS, AND
PAPERHANGERS OF AMERICA, AFL-CIO,
Washington, D.C., March 11, 1966.

HON. WILLIAM A. BARRETT,
Chairman, Housing Subcommittee, House Committee on Banking and Currency,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN BARRETT: This letter is in support of the urban development amendments as introduced by you under H.R. 13065.

I have read with keen interest the testimony of Mr. Boris Shishkin, at which time he testified before the committee on behalf of the AFL-CIO and I herewith