

Mr. REUSS. Just one more question which I think I can get in under my time.

Do you have a position, Mr. Rouse, on the demonstration cities program which is also before this subcommittee?

Mr. ROUSE. I do not. I am reluctant to say that I do not because I really haven't studied the legislation carefully enough to have a responsible position. But in general I would say that I think that the time has come when we need to recognize that the composite solutions in which we are now engaged in attempting to make the city work are not enough and it is imperative that the city be made to work for the people who live in it.

This is where our civilization is. So that the idea of a massive demonstration program of this kind is instinctively appealing to me. Whether the details of the legislation are right—whether I think them right I don't know. But the general idea of a special form of support that calls for a massive approach to making the city work for the people who live in it is a right idea and it needs to occur swiftly.

Mr. REUSS. Thank you.

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Rouse, we certainly appreciate your coming here today and giving us your very fine and very informative presentation. Thank you very much.

Mr. ROUSE. Thank you, Mr. Barrett.

(The following information was submitted for the record:)

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

DEAR MR. BARRETT: It was a great pleasure to have the opportunity to appear before your committee and to testify in behalf of the proposals for expanded FHA mortgage insurance covering land purchases and loans to local land development agencies for community development.

I understand that you have some concern over whether or not the full proposal is acceptable to Congress at this time and that you are interested in knowing whether or not a limited program to test the Federal loans to local land development agencies might be effective. I would feel that a very good way to launch this effort and to explore its effectiveness would be to make loans available on a demonstration basis to, say, a dozen local county or township governments around the country to see how effective they are in using it to produce well-planned new communities.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

JAMES W. ROUSE.

Mr. BARRETT. Our next witness will be Hon. Louis DePascale, mayor of Hoboken, N.J., accompanied by Raymond G. Clyons, coordinator of urban renewal, director of HOPEs, Inc.

We are glad to have you here this morning, Mr. Mayor. We desire to make everybody comfortable who comes here for the purpose of offering testimony and we want to extend every courtesy to you because we have learned on so many occasions from your great Congressman that you are one of the great mayors in the State of New Jersey. I certainly want you to know Hoboken has sent us one of the finest and knowledgeable and productive Congressmen who have ever come into the Halls of Congress and I would like to have him introduce you here this morning.