

**STATEMENT OF HON. DOMINICK V. DANIELS, A REPRESENTATIVE
IN CONGRESS FROM THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Mr. DANIELS. Mr. Chairman and members of the Housing Subcommittee. I first want to thank you for your most kind remarks concerning myself.

I would also like to express to you my sincere thanks and appreciation for affording me an opportunity to appear before this honorable committee to introduce the next witness, Hon. Louis DePascale, the mayor of the city of Hoboken, N.J.

I have the honor of representing the city of Hoboken, one of the localities located in the 14th Congressional District.

Mr. Chairman, there probably is no city where there is greater interest in the concept embodied in the legislation which this subcommittee is considering than there is in Hoboken, N.J. Hoboken is an old city which lies across the river from New York City. It is often referred to as the mile-square city for the obvious reason that it is exactly 1 square mile in area. It is the second most densely populated city in the United States with a population of 48,000.

There are those who have said that Hoboken and other cities which were founded in colonial America have had their day and that there really is no future for these cities. Fortunately, there are some who do not share these sentiments and fortunately, there are some of these forward-looking people who get elected to municipal office. Hoboken, N.J. is fortunate to have in its mayor's office a man who believes that the city has a future. Further, he is willing to work to assure that future for the city which he has served well since his recent election.

Mr. Chairman, I think when this legislation is enacted into law there will be no city more deserving of the consideration than Hoboken. Its geographic location, its facilities and its great potential for restoration and renovation make it an ideal city for selection as a demonstration city.

It has one other great city asset. Hoboken is fortunate to have the enthusiasm and leadership of a very outstanding mayor. It is my great honor and privilege to present to you the mayor of Hoboken, N.J., the Honorable Louis DePascale who is accompanied by Mr. Raymond G. Clyons, coordinator of urban renewal and director of the anti-poverty program.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you very much, Congressman Daniels.

Mr. Mayor, I am quite sure Mr. Widnall is also most anxious to welcome you here this morning.

Mr. WIDNALL. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

As a fellow New Jerseyite I would like to welcome you before the committee. We know how effective your Congressman, Mr. Daniels, is and he is a fine Member of the House. He has told us of the many things that you have achieved in your own city and we certainly look forward to hearing your remarks today.

Mr. DePASCALE. Thank you very much.

Mr. BARRETT. Thank you, Mr. Widnall and Mr. Mayor.

You may start your testimony. If you desire to complete it before having any questions asked, you may do so. If you would like to submit your testimony it is agreeable to us.