

Federal workers caught in one of these closure situations find that they are not able to rent or sell their homes except at tremendous financial loss to themselves and their families.

The metal trades department, therefore, respectfully urges that your subcommittee give favorable consideration to an appropriate amendment which will provide the necessary relief to Federal workers who find themselves in this circumstance. This can be done through procedures allowing for the orderly and expeditious acquisition by the Federal Government of such homes as a part of the cost of the closing of such Federal installations.

May I express to you and the members of your subcommittee my thanks and appreciation for the consideration which I know you will give to the position we have set forth above.

With best wishes and kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

B. A. GRITTA, *President.*

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL WORKERS, INC.,
Washington, D.C., April 1, 1966.

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

DEAR MR. BARRETT: In behalf of the 46,000 members of the National Association of Social Workers, may I present these remarks in support of the three bills proposed by the President and introduced by you as the Cities Demonstration Act (H.R. 12342), the Urban Redevelopment Act (H.R. 12939), and the Urban Development Amendments of 1966 (H.R. 13065).

While our members who operate in the social work planning field such as in community welfare councils, and in such fields as housing, urban renewal, mental health, antipoverty, and juvenile delinquency are especially enthusiastic about these new approaches and resources for comprehensive community planning, those of us who daily work with individuals and families to restore and create a semblance of normal life also welcome this legislation.

In 1962, the delegate assembly which is the policymaking body of our organization, gave clear support for just this type of program. Under the major topic entitled—interestingly enough in light of future nomenclature—"Housing and Urban Development," NASW said:

Urban redevelopment or renewal should proceed within a total pattern of social, physical, and land-use planning which, in its balance of economic opportunities, desirable public and private housing, and essential public and private community facilities and services, provides a social milieu conducive to adequate individual and family functioning.

Also in 1962, we said that "adequate citizen participation of a representative nature is essential in shaping the urban renewal program."

But we would hope that when "widespread citizen participation" is carried out through the legislation before this committee, that the model will not be just the "citizen participation" feature of previous housing and urban development legislation. The "maximum feasible participation of residents of the areas and members of the groups served" as it has evolved in the Economic Opportunity Act provides dramatic evidence that disadvantaged citizens can work most constructively with traditional community leaders in planning and carrying out programs for the betterment of all.

In addition to supporting the integration of social planning into a comprehensive approach to community needs and realistic citizen involvement, we would also like to express our pleasure with the proposed urban information centers. We know about the wealth of information on social conditions that needs to be put into usable form and thence coordinated with what we are sure is an equal affluence of knowledge in the economic and physical development field.

We are pleased that Congress recently authorized funds for the rent supplement program but the paucity of the appropriation even more strongly emphasizes the need to pass those housing and urban development amendments before this committee on leasing provisions for low-rent housing. This will make some additional housing available for the many families in need.

At this point, may we also endorse H.R. 9256 which establishes a new program of mortgage insurance and direct loans to finance the provision of facilities for