

Joseph Barr, mayor of Pittsburgh, and president of the United States Conference of Mayors, speaking for the chief executives of the Nation's 600 largest cities.

Whitney Young, director of the National Urban League, distinguished civil rights leader.

Arthur Flemming, president of the University of Oregon, former Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, and representing the National Council of Churches.

Clarence Mitchell, Washington representative of the NAACP, speaking for half a million members of that organization.

William Gossett, president-elect of the American Bar Association, thousands of whose members have already been helpful in the War on Poverty.

Richard Boone, director of the Citizen's Crusade Against Poverty, a coalition of over 100 national organizations in every walk of American life.

Mrs. Fred Harris, speaking technically only for herself, but in effect, speaking for millions of Americans on Indian reservations, in migrant labor streams, and in rural America. She is the wife of Senator Fred Harris from the State of Oklahoma.

I could go on and on.

The 4,000 pages of testimony already in your record are replete with the names of others—business leaders, health experts, conservationists, veterans, religious leaders, women—the whole spectrum of American society—speaking with one voice.

"We need the OEO"—as it is or strengthened.

Another major issue that came before this committee was whether or not Job Corps should be converted into a vocational education program under the Office of Education.

Those in our country most familiar with Job Corps said: "No." It should not.

The Secretary of Labor said: "No."

Top officials of HEW said: "No."

Dean William Perlmutter of the State College of New York said: "No."

G. C. Whitaker, board chairman of Graflex, said: "No."

Dr. Spencer Smith of the Citizen's Committee on Natural Resources, said: "No."

These were some of the witnesses who saw the value of Job Corps. They want it kept a part of OEO to serve—in cooperation with American business—the hardest hit of the poor.

Just today, the Director of the Job Corps received a letter from the Governor of Indiana which I should like to quote:

DEAR MR. KELLY: The State of Indiana thanks the United States Job Corps for the work done by 108 of its men from Camp Atterberry in helping clear the dead alewife fish from the Indiana Shores of Lake Michigan.

The men worked for two and one-half days in Michigan City, Beverly Shores, Gary, East Chicago, and Whiting. They worked hard despite the unpleasantness of their task and their deportment was excellent.

These communities, especially Beverly Shores, could not have met this hazard to the public health without the helping hand from the Job Corpsmen.

Again, we thank you and the men of the Camp Atterberry Corps Center.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT D. BRANIGIN,
Governor of Indiana.