

thinking won't work. If we, as trainees, were capable of getting work after receiving these certificates we probably wouldn't have been on the program in the first place, but as everyone agrees, we are the hard core that you are dealing with.

I think the reason Title 5 works is because the people involved have found the way to communicate with us and present us to the public in a much better light than any other welfare program. I know that all of the recipients I have talked to have much more confidence in this Title 5 program than any other. After the way Title 5 has helped me, there is no way of telling how many great things can be accomplished under it. Let us say, for instance, that Title 5 should be changed to something else. Would the change be an indication that Title 5 is no good? If that is so how did I, with a very limited education, come from a hard core case—and I do mean I was considered one of the hardest—to an aluminum welder at FMC Corporation.

The people connected with the Title 5 program showed me the way to the top. I didn't get any special favors, or even have any idea I would go as far as I have. What happened to me can happen to anyone on this Title 5 program. I would like to continue to see the progress of this program. Unless you see the results, you really can't understand the value of it.

I think all of us should say a prayer of thanks and hope that this program can continue to go forwards. Title 5 is one of our great hopes to combat poverty.

It frightened me to learn how great and confusing the problem of poverty is. I, like so many others, had thought that you people in Washington could say the word and poverty would be banished from the earth. I have come to the conclusion that we are all equally responsible for the war on poverty.

This Title 5 program has proven its value and should be continued as such. It would be a giant step backwards if it is changed. Of all the programs I have been in or saw other people take part in, I can't think of any I could offer one bit of praise. There have been programs that paid more money for less work but I am sure money doesn't solve the basic problem. The idea of the Title 5 program is to get people interested in each other and to do something besides hold out their hands for free gifts.

For instance, when I took M.D.T.A. training my monthly check was increased by approximately \$200.00. Four other men and I took turns driving seventy miles a day. We drove our own cars.

To take the Title 5 training I had to drive 236 miles a day and bear my own expenses. My check was increased by only \$10.00 a month, but I had twice the enthusiasm for the Title 5 training as I did for the M.D.T.A. training.

I mentioned the conditions under which I was trained to show you that money does not make a successful program. It takes people like the ones you have working on the Title 5 program. I wish you could see the beauty of how this program works. You have to see it to believe it.

The most amazing part is the fact that it is following other welfare programs that have failed. The people realize this is about as close to a perfect program as we can get, and everyone knows we need one.

I am going to make a statement that may sound boastful but my intention is not to boast. It is hard to accept the fact that I have come from cutting brush for \$1.00 an hour to welding for \$3.07 an hour in a period of ten months. After attending adult education classes, I came from a sixth grade level education to a G.E.D. level. I was honored to meet the president and to testify before your committee, I enjoyed meeting all the nice people I met on my trip. All of this was accomplished by taking advantage of the opportunities that Title 5 offers to all of its recipients. While I was training, my expenses for travel caused me some financial difficulties. But I didn't mind because I felt that I had a job and a future on this Title 5 program.

I hope the people who want to change Title 5 will read this and give it some thought. If they can come up with a better program or offer a person a chance to move up to a better way of life at the age of 45, I would like to know about it. I don't think there is another way in the world.

In conclusion I would like to thank you for reading this and please consider the things I have wrote. I can't think of anything that would give me greater pleasure than to know that in some way I have brought out a point that has helped you decide to keep Title 5 alive. I am very proud to say that I had the privilege to appear before your committee. I feel a lot better knowing our affairs are in the hands of such competent people.