

I know you will do the right thing once you have heard the facts. I don't claim to know all of them but the ones I do know I have tried to present to you. I would appreciate it very much if you will let me know if this letter helps in any way because if it does, it will be the highlight of everything that has happened to me.

Again I will say thank you and to let you know it has been a privilege trying to serve you, I believe if we in W.Va. can solve our problems, whatever methods we use can be used to solve the problems of other states, I hope you will let us continue under the Title 5 program because I am confident that we are on the right track. Our fate is in your hands.

I would say it is impossible to remove poverty completely, but to let the people in poverty know that you are trying to help, as I know since my appearance before your committee, would ease a lot of tension.

I didn't believe that the Federal Government was so involved in our war on poverty as it is. When I made my trip, I saw how involved you really are. Our suffering is not as bad when we feel we are all working toward the same goal. Title 5 is the road to stay on if we are to reach that goal.

I wouldn't be in a position to write a letter like this if it wasn't for Title 5. Because of my accomplishments under Title 5, at this time I feel I can serve as an inspiration to others. To change this program is to admit that nobody really wants us to succeed because I know from personal experience the success this program is having.

If it was the first program to train the underprivileged, successfully, its accomplishments wouldn't be so outstanding but it has succeeded where I know of 3 other programs have failed.

When I started the training under Title 5 I had to board here in Charleston and go home on Week ends and all of my neighbors would say, nothing will come of that training it will be like the other you won't get a job. But now their attitude have changed, every body wants to know more about this program, and to change it would be harmful to the program because I think I am an indication that title 5 does work, because I know I would still be cutting brush if I didn't have this training and I feel that I am an asset to the community and to my Employer, other wise I don't think they would have paid me while I was up there, I feel this is another indication of how everybody have taken to this Title 5 program.

I feel when an Employer as large as F.M.C. feel that a program is important enough to pay a person while they are on leave it must be a good thing because they make a lot of right decisions, to stay in business.

I am not trying to say I know why title 5 works but I feel it is because of the love each person have for one another and that is something you don't see very often, and to change this program to another department would surely disrupt this feeling between all persons concerned. I do hope you will keep this program under Health Education and Welfare, and watch the good results. I realize it take a long time for you to know the facts as I do because I have lived poverty and that is the best way to know.

I do wish you could have met me before I took this training under Health Education and Welfare and compared me before and after the training. I don't think you would have any doubts about the value of this program.

Since I have finished the training lots of people have asked me about the value of it, and I have always tried to give the true facts about it, but if the program is changed from Health Education and Welfare.

Anything I would say would be of no value, no matter how I would try to praise the title 5 program people would always say, if it was so good Why did they change it?

I feel that the program I was on would help bring about better understanding between the races if there was more of them because I have had some very nice experience with white people on this program and I know we understand each other better. I think this is very important.

And surprising as it may seem I would like to know, why does any one want to change a program that is so successful? I know it has opened the eyes of all of the people I have met from the poor to the rich, one of the most amazing things about it is there is no White or Black people, everybody seems to feel if a person wants to go forwards let's help him, this is the first time in my life I have felt like this, you would have to see it to know what I mean, but you did see me, and to come from brush cutting to testifying before your committee should give you a good idea of what I mean, so please for my sake on all of the people concerned with Health Education and Welfare let title 5 stay where it is and let's all hope