

are an improvement over the existing formula as to incentive as well as equity. It is our hope, however, that some way might be found to adopt a single formula, or at least some common approach for incentive exemptions of earnings that would cover all situations. To achieve that objective would probably require the coordinated efforts of the Various Congressional committees responsible for public assistance and economic opportunity legislation.

In conclusion, we wish to emphasize the urgent need for adequate funding of the overall war against poverty. This is a high-priority objective of the American Public Welfare Association, which, in our view cannot be satisfactorily attained on the basis of the budget as proposed in the measure now before your Committee.

ARCHDIOCESAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE,
FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT,
ARCHDIOCESE OF PORTLAND IN OREGON,
Portland, Oreg., July 24, 1967.

Hon. JOHN R. DELLENBACK,
*c/o Committee on Education and Labor,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. DELLENBACK: Our Archdiocesan Committee, through you, wishes to express our conviction that, at least for the present, the OEO should be maintained as the one central agency responsible for the nation's effort to fight poverty. Transfer of its present functions to a variety of other federal, state and local agencies would, it seems to us, diminish what good results have been accomplished by means of a Washington directed effort.

It is our understanding that the Interreligious Committee against Poverty, through its Catholic, Protestant and Jewish spokesmen, have made a similar recommendation recently, before Senator Clark's subcommittee.

The Rt. Rev. Monsignor Lawrence Corcoran, our director of the National Conference of Catholic Charities, has taken a similar stand.

In Oregon, we have been heartened by the successful OEO program of "foster-grandparents" at Our Lady of Providence Child Center in Portland; as well as the plans for expanded day-care services in the Albina neighborhood, co-sponsored by our Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Volunteers of America, a highly regarded United Good Neighbors agency serving the Tri-County area around metropolitan Portland.

Please be assured of our confidence in your own sincerity of purpose to do your best for Oregon, without losing sight of the national interest.

Cordially and gratefully,

The Reverend JACK H. STIPE, MSW,
Permanent Secretary, Archdiocesan Coordinating Committee.

OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY,
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,
Washington, D.C.

Hon. CARL D. PERKINS,
*Chairman, House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: I am taking this opportunity to submit for your information copies of letters we have received from a representative group of physicians serving with OEO-supported Neighborhood Health Centers, which you may wish to have included in the Appendix to the Hearings Record.

These letters testify to the devotion of the physicians themselves as well as to their spontaneous attraction to the Neighborhood Health Center program.

We are also transmitting these letters to Congressman Scherle, who requested further documentation as to the motivation of physicians in NHC projects.

With continuing warm regards,
Sincerely,

GEORGE D. MCCARTHY,
Assistant Director for Congressional Relations.