

3726 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967

House and Senate subcommittees are presently in hearings on this matter, we would like to communicate our opinions and suggestions to you.

The following motion was unanimously adopted by the Board:

"That the Board of Directors is against any move that would hamper, reduce, or prohibit the continued operation of the War on Poverty.

"Further, that it objects to any move to dismantle or remove the responsibility for the War on Poverty from the Office of Economic Opportunity to any other departments.

"Further, that funds be made available to the Office of Economic Opportunity for continued operation."

We feel that the War on Poverty has accomplished a great deal in this community. It has provided employment and training programs, has established neighborhood centers and a Head Start program, has begun to develop preventive education in legal matters, has brought about not only a concern for neighborhood problems, but a means of making them known and solutions for them in many instances, has been a vital arm in this community for participation and communication.

We feel that this is a most important effort and one which must be maintained if we are to live up to our nation's commitment of providing opportunities for all of our people.

Thank you for your interest and the opportunity to convey this information to you. Your favorable consideration of the Economic Opportunity Act will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

ADALBERTH ROZARIO,
President.

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DIOCESE OF GEORGIA,
Savannah, July 24, 1967.

HON. CARL PERKINS,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. PERKINS: I would like to call your attention to the fact that a great many of us in this part of the Country are deeply concerned with the possibilities of the OEO Program. It has provided opportunities and assistance not previously available in under-privileged areas. I do hope that this Program has your support. I understand that there is criticism of the Program as being contributory to the unfortunate riots in several of our cities today. I am sure you are evaluating this criticism. I hope that such evaluation will lead you to continue support of the Program in view of the needs of the people it meets. The situation of poverty spawns unrest and the lawlessness we witness. It is, therefore, the part of wisdom to implement a program designed to relieve the need. Aside from this sociological effect, we are under divine imperative to meet our brother's need. I hope you support OEO.

With all good wishes.

Faithfully yours,

ALBERT R. STUART,
Bishop of Georgia.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA,
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE,
St. Paul, July 21, 1967.

HON. CARL PERKINS,
Chairman, House Committee on Education and Labor,
Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN PERKINS: I am sending you the following statement with the hope that you will include it in the record of the House Committee on Education and Labor when you consider Section 205(e), the New Careers provision provided for in the Economic Opportunity Act.

The New Careers approach to alleviating the professional manpower shortage is both a creative and practical step in the solution of the extreme manpower problems we face in all of the human relations fields.

In the Minnesota Public Welfare Program, we have long recognized the value of a position in our county welfare departments that we have come to call the case aide. The idea behind our development of this position was to relieve the