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small but effective body which includes a number of low income persons. With the aid of Cook County OEO staff, it has studied the local recreation program in the low income area, met with the cillage commission and seen considerable improvement in programing. In addition it studied the need for basic adult education, approached the local high school district which then applied for Title IIB funds and set up a program. The CAP group advised and recruited approximately fifty students for the program which has been commended by the state Superintendent of Public Instruction. A legal services program was drawn up and later incorporated into the countywide proposal which was recently funded. A proposal for summer day care to supplement the local recreation program has been drawn up and is being reviewed. We believe that this positive activity is a good indication that CAP funds must be available so that needed programs can be set up although we commend the CAP approaches to problems which can be handled locally without the use of federal funds.

We strongly urge that your committee report out a bill which retains OEO as an effective agency including Head Start, Job Corps and unearmarked CAP funds and an authorization which will allow these important programs to continue and grow.

Sincerely,

OLIVE A. VANDERWAHL, *President.*

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MISSOURI,
St. Louis, Mo., June 9, 1967.

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

DEAR MR. PERKINS: The League of Women Voters of Missouri urges you to support the Economic Opportunity Act Amendments of 1967 (H.R. 8311, S. 1545) and the authorization of the appropriations requested.

Programs initiated by the Office of Economic Opportunity in communities throughout Missouri have been of interest to the League from the first.

In order to secure equality of opportunity in education and employment for all citizens, it is necessary to carry forward such programs beyond this initiative stage.

We are particularly concerned that Community Action Programs be continued.

Sincerely,

Mrs. CALDWELL K. HAMILTON,
President.

Mrs. LLOYD THOMAS,
Human Resource Chairman, League of Women Voters of Missouri.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MINNETONKA VILLAGE,
Minnetonka, Minn., June 10, 1967.

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

DEAR MR. PERKINS: The Minnetonka League of Women Voters requests your consideration and support of the Economic Opportunity Amendments of 1967 (HR-8311) and urges that you oppose attempts to spin off some of the program when this bill comes before the Senate.

We ask that you take into consideration our League position in that we are opposed to abolishing the Office of Economic Opportunity, we support amending the present act to include more specific provisions for evaluation both by OEO itself and outside professionals, we also support increased funds for research and pilot demonstration projects, we support adequate funds for CAP and oppose earmarking of these funds, and we support other EOA programs including those that provide basic education, work training and experience for both adults and youth.

The intensive interest League has in the continuation of the Community Action Program made all the more disappointing the cutback in last year's funds which