

for our recommendations on what our local governments can do in eliminating the problem.

In July of 1966 our Board of Directors unanimously endorsed a model air pollution control ordinance and voted to submit it to the local governments of the National Capital Region for their consideration and adoption. It was the Council of Governments' Model Air Pollution Control Ordinance that Congressman Gude used as a guide in developing the ordinance which is before the Committee today.

The COG Model Ordinance was developed by one of our standing technical committees, the Regional Air Pollution Advisory Board. The Advisory Board has among its members the most competent local environmental health officials in the Washington Metropolitan area. In addition, the Advisory Board has representatives from the Maryland State Health Department, the U.S. Public Health Service, and the Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board.

The Regional Air Pollution Advisory Board, in developing the COG Model Ordinance, worked closely with the Taft Air Pollution Laboratory in Cincinnati, Ohio and with the Public Health Service's regional offices in Charlottesville, Virginia.

In addition, this ordinance is consistent with positions taken by the Maryland State Health Department, the D.C. Medical Society, the District of Columbia Tuberculosis Society, Greater Washington Citizens for Clean Air.

In January of this year, the Council of Governments formed an Air Pollution Technical Evaluation Committee. This Committee is composed of some of the leading experts in the country in the fields of industrial engineering, metallurgical engineering, agricultural research, pulmonary diseases and allergies. This committee of non-governmental specialists has strongly endorsed the COG Model Ordinance for the Washington Metropolitan area.

Two of our member jurisdictions, Montgomery County, Maryland, with a population of about 460,000 and Rockville, Maryland, with a population of about 40,000, have already adopted air pollution control ordinances conforming to the provisions of the COG Model.

The City of Falls Church, Virginia, has held a public hearing on a similar ordinance and should adopt the measure in the very near future. The legal staffs of Alexandria, Virginia; Arlington, Virginia and City of Fairfax, Virginia, and Prince George's County, Maryland, are in advance stages of preparing air pollution measures for council or commission consideration.

My own Fairfax County, Virginia, has recently transmitted a strong air pollution ordinance, also based on the COG Model to Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board in Richmond for review and approval. Our Board will schedule public readings and hearings on the bill as soon as the draft is returned. I expect this to be within the next few weeks.

The Council of Governments has expressed keen interest in the air pollution control activities of the federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare. It is the judgment of the elected officials and staff of our Council that local and state governments may see their pollution functions assumed by the Federal government unless they act quickly and wisely. Our Board has so advised our local jurisdictions.