

KINGMAN PARK CIVIC ASSOCIATION,
Washington, D.C., June 24, 1967.

Hon. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
Chairman, District of Columbia Committee,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: The members of the Kingman Park Civic Association are deeply concerned about air pollution in the District of Columbia. They have had first hand knowledge of the problem.

At the last regular monthly meeting, our Association voted to go on record as being in support of the bill introduced by Representative Gilbert Gude of Maryland.

The bill, H.R. 6981, provides for the prevention, abatement and control of air pollution in the District of Columbia.

Polluted air is a serious menace to the health of many individuals. That fact alone should be sufficient to warrant drastic controls for the air pollution.

Yours sincerely,

ROBERT REID,
President, Kingman Park Civic Association.

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 19, 1967.

Hon. JOHN L. McMILLAN,
Chairman, Committee on the District of Columbia,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. McMILLAN: As control of air pollution in the National Capital area is one of our major current objectives, the COMMITTEE OF 100 ON THE FEDERAL CITY would greatly appreciate having the attached statement included in the printed record of your hearings on H.R. 6981 and H.R. 12232.

Respectfully yours,

DAVID SANDERS CLARK,
Chairman, Subcommittee on Air and Water Pollution,
Committee on 100 on the Federal City.

STATEMENT ON H.R. 6981 AND H.R. 12232, BILLS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PREVENTION,
ABATEMENT AND CONTROL OF AIR POLLUTION IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AUGUST 19, 1967.

The Committee of 100 on the Federal City urges prompt enactment of H.R. 6981 as an essential first step toward prevention and control of air pollution in the Washington area. We find it appalling that among 65 major metropolitan areas studied by the Public Health Service, Washington ranks 6th in the amount of sulfur dioxide in the air from burning coal and heavy oils, 13th in carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, and hydrocarbon from gasoline, and 18th in general severity of air pollution.

As residents of the District of Columbia and nearby Maryland and Virginia, our members are acutely aware that air pollution is a regional problem. Efforts to clean up the air over the National Capital will not be truly effective until regulations are enacted for the District of Columbia which are compatible with those adopted by Montgomery County, Maryland, and now under consideration in other adjoining jurisdictions. H.R. 6981 meets the requirements for compatibility.

The bill further merits approval because it establishes definite standards limiting emissions from fuel-burning equipment, incinerators, and motor vehicles, and sets dates by which these standards must be met.

H.R. 12232, which merely authorizes the District Commissioners to take air pollution control measures, but requires no positive action on their part, would, in our judgment, be quite ineffective.

STATEMENT BY DR. HAROLD SILVER ON WHAT AIR POLLUTION MEANS IN THE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

My name is Harold M. Silver. I am a physician who has been active in Pulmonary Disease from the standpoint of research, teaching, and, most important, patient care, for more than ten years. I am Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine and Director of the Pulmonary Research Laboratory at the George Wash-