

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE,
Raleigh, October 20, 1967.

Hon. ERNEST GRUENING,
U.S. Senate, New Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR GRUENING: I indicated to you in my letter of October 12, 1967, that we would review Senate Bill 1974. In regard to this bill, which would transfer the Agency for International Development's (AID) priority in claiming excess property to the State Surplus Property Agencies. I wish to assure you that the State Surplus Property Agencies, which are the State Department of Health and Educational Institutions and civil defense organizations in the 100 counties in North Carolina through our North Carolina State Agency for Federal Surplus Property represents substantial tax relief and savings to the tax payers of our State annually. The property acquired through the donation program greatly enhances the effectiveness of the programs of public health, education, and civil defense being carried out in our State.

Accordingly, if the priority in obtaining excess property was transferred from AID to the State Surplus Property Agencies, it would result not only in a substantial increase in needed surplus property but the additional benefits to the eligible donees would effect even greater tax relief and savings to the taxpayers of our State in Federal, state, and local taxes.

We therefore urge the enactment of this bill. I am taking the liberty of forwarding copies of this letter to Senators Sam J. Ervin, Jr. and B. Everett Jordan so they might know something of the benefits of the proposal to the State of North Carolina.

Sincerely,

DAN MOORE.

STATE OF MAINE,
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR,
Augusta, Maine, November 3, 1967.

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Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR GRUENING: I appreciate receiving your information.