

to insure the most advanced medical research and development for the study of blindness. Only through the availability and accessibility of modern, well organized and supervised medical facilities and services can we hope to challenge the problem of eye blindness and visual defects. The need for a new program to assist the fight against blinding eye diseases is clear and I urge this committee to report favorably on the legislation to establish a National Eye Institute.
(Article from Congressional Record follows:)

EXHIBIT A

[From the Congressional Record, March 8, 1966]

NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE GAINS DISTINGUISHED SUPPORT

(Extension of remarks of Hon. Herbert Tenzer of New York in the House of Representatives, Tuesday, March 1, 1966)

Mr. TENZER. Mr. Speaker, on yesterday, March 7, 1966, I introduced H.R. 13358, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for the establishment of a National Eye Institute in the National Institutes of Health. In my statement supporting this legislation—Congressional Record A1232—I discussed the need for an institute devoted to research on blinding eye diseases, blindness and visual defects and I related to my colleagues my experience as President of the National Council To Combat Blindness, Inc.

As I stated in my previous remarks, I wrote to the members of the Scientific Advisory Committee of the Fight for Sight, requesting their comments on the proposed National Eye Institute.

I have received the following replies from members of the Scientific Advisory Committee as well as from others, including officers and directors of the Fight for Sight expressing their opinion on the proposed legislation:

THE WILMER INSTITUTE,
JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL,
Baltimore, Md., February, 1966.

HERBERT TENZER,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN TENZER: Thank you very much for your letter of February 10. I am delighted to know that you are interested in cosponsoring the bill introduced by Congressman Frederick B. Rooney of Pennsylvania for a National Eye Institute. I sincerely believe that this would do more to promote research into the causes of blindness and the prevention of blindness than anything else that could possibly be done in this country.

Last year, when I testified before Senator Hill's committee with Mr. Jules Stein of Music Corp. of America, both of us strongly recommended that a separate institute for eyes be initiated in the NIH.

If I can send you further information about this, I would be most happy to do so, I am delighted to know that you are going to cosponsor this bill.

Very sincerely yours,

A. E. MAUMENEE, M.D.

NEW YORK, N.Y., February 12, 1966.

Re H.R. 12373.

Hon. HERBERT TENZER,
House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR HERBERT: Thank you for acquainting me with the proposed bill to establish a National Eye Institute and for affording me an opportunity to offer my comments regarding it.

My first reaction is, of course, one of great pleasure and deep satisfaction. It is extremely gratifying to see that Congress will soon consider (and I do hope will approve and adopt) legislation providing for such an institute. Clearly a National Eye Institute could be effectively instrumental in furthering, improving, and increasing research in the field of blinding eye diseases—the very aim and