

purpose that has inspired the efforts of the Fight for Sight for almost 20 years. I think the potential creation of the National Eye Institute is a wonderful project, and I think you and Congressman Rooney deserve widespread gratitude and support for your sponsorship of H.R. 12373.

The only thought that occurs to me, after a careful reading of the proposed act, is that (except by implication) it does not mention the prevention of blindness. I realize that more intensive research relating to blinding eye diseases and visual disorders will, as a consequence, lead to the prevention of blindness, but, nevertheless, it does seem to me that the bill might specifically include reference to the prevention of blindness among sighted people, as well as to treatment for those already afflicted. However, this is merely an incidental observation, and in no way lessens my profound regard for H.R. 12373 as it now stands, which I think is just great.

Thank you again for your very welcome communication.

With warm personal regards, and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

SYDNEY A. MAYERS.

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA,
Iowa City, Iowa, February 14, 1966.

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

DEAR MR. TENZER: I am in possession of your letter of February 10, 1966, and wish to thank you most warmly for your interest in the proposal for a National Eye Institute as suggested by H.R. 12373 introduced by Congressman Fred B. Rooney. I believe that it would be a very fine thing, indeed, if you would cosponsor this bill. In view of your great concern with blindness and blindness research, you would be the obvious man to do so.

The establishment of the National Institute of Neurologic Diseases and Blindness has been a great boon to research on vision and eye diseases, especially in the early years of its existence when neurology was less prepared than it is now to avail itself of the facilities offered by the Institute. However, today, as I understand it, ophthalmology has materially been reduced in its share and the establishment of a separate National Eye Institute has become most desirable.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter. With kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

HERMANN M. BURIAN, M.D.,
Professor of Ophthalmology.

THE INSTITUTE OF OPHTHALMOLOGY,
THE PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL,
New York, N.Y., February 14, 1966.

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

DEAR MR. TENZER: Thank you for your note of February 10, 1966. I am wholeheartedly in favor of H.R. 12373.

The establishment of a National Eye Institute would have a major effect upon our efforts to attack the causes of blinding diseases.

I would be happy to write in support of this proposal to any of your colleagues you think desirable.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

ARTHUR GERARD DeVoe, M.D.

HOSPITAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA,
Philadelphia, Pa., February 15, 1966.

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

DEAR MR. TENZER: In reply to your letter of February 10, I can only say that I strongly urge you to cosponsor, and guide through Congress, the proposal for a National Eye Institute as suggested by H.R. 12373.