

Congressman HERBERT TENZER,
Washington, D.C.

WOODMERE, N.Y., March 2, 1966.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN TENZER: I am in full support to Congressman Fred B. Rooney's (Pennsylvania) proposal to establish a National Eye Institute.

Sincerely,

ARTHUR A. GOLD, M.D.

NEW YORK, N.Y., March 2, 1966.

HON. HERBERT TENZER,
House of Congress,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN HERB: Thanks for your enclosures on H.R. 12373. I can see the need for a separate institute; but I also see inherent dangers. The public wants eye diseases cured and prevented. The optometrists wants greater status—and this bill will offer them an opportunity to attain that by wasting millions on so-called vision research. I am for this bill if it is emphasized in the bill that the prevention and cure of blindness is the chief goal of the Institute.

Sincerely,

DAN M. GORDON, M.D.

HARRY MOSS JEWELER,
New York, N.Y., March 3, 1966.

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

DEAR HERBERT: I have just returned from a lengthy trip, and I was pleasantly surprised to have received your letter advising me of the intention to open a National Eye Institute. Certainly, I am all for it.

In my position as national vice president of Fight for Sight, we have always urged what you have outlined in your proposed bill.

A National Eye Institute has long been needed and will help countless upon countless of thousands. Had there been a National Eye Institute my sight might have been saved.

You have my complete support, and if there is anything further I can do to help pass this measure; please do not hesitate to call on me.

I trust you are enjoying good health, and I am looking forward to seeing you in the very near future.

Kind regards,

HARRY MOSS.

Mr. Speaker, the support for the bill is to establish a National Eye Institute, illustrated by the correspondence which I have quoted above, is encouraging and should be considered by the Congress. The need for a new program to assist the fight against blinding eye diseases is clear and I urged my colleagues to join this effort to establish a National Eye Institute.

Mr. JARMAN. The subcommittee is pleased to welcome again an old friend of the committee, Dr. William Stewart, the Surgeon General, who is accompanied this morning by Dr. Richard L. Masland and Dr. Leon Jacobs.

**STATEMENT OF DR. WILLIAM H. STEWART, SURGEON GENERAL,
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TION, AND WELFARE; ACCOMPANIED BY DR. RICHARD L. MAS-
LAND, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGICAL
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FOR HEALTH AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS**

Dr. STEWART. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The bills before us for discussion today propose the establishment of a new National Eye Institute within the National Institutes of