

CHESTERTON, IND., February 7, 1968.

Senator HENRY M. JACKSON,
Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: This note is being sent to again impress upon you the importance of your giving all pressure possible to the passage and support of S. 1401.

Its passage will mean help for this area in acquiring the land immediately for the National Indiana Dunes Lakeshore.

Most sincerely,

HELEN BROWN.

CHESTERTON, IND., February 6, 1968.

Senator HENRY M. JACKSON,
Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR: Your support of Bill S. 1401 is most important.

Its passage to amend the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act will, as you know, make available more funds for acquiring the areas already designated for the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore. Further delay will mean encroachment on these areas.

Most sincerely,

OLGA ADAMS.

WASHINGTON, D.C., February 12, 1968.

Senator HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. Senate,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: My wife and I, as land and home owners in Maryland, with to urge you most strongly to reconsider your bill S. 1401 which has in mind to turn over hundreds of millions of dollars to the Land and Water Conservation Fund of the Department of the Interior. This money, we understand, would be used to purchase land for additional parks and more recreational facilities.

As interested citizens, we are appalled at the tremendous problems facing our country today, and it is incomprehensible to us that such huge sums of money should be considered for parkland at a time when the war in Vietnam is worsening, crime is rampant all over America, and the slum conditions of the poor are intolerable. (In fact, the parks now in existence are not safe because the criminal elements appears to go unchecked!) Surely, additional support for our boys who are dying on foreign soil, better-trained and larger police forces, and jobs and job-training for the unemployed supersede any programs for buying more parks.

Obviously, the purchase of additional property for such parkland would be from private property owners, taking that much more land off of the tax rolls. This appears to us to be an ill-considered proposal in the light of the country's already beleaguered economy.

We request again that you and your committee take another look at the true value of S. 1401, and we hope that you will recommend instead, that this money be put to a more vital use. Thank you.

Yours truly,

ARNO AND MABEL VIEHOEVER.

ARCATA, CALIF., February 12, 1968.

HON. HENRY M. JACKSON,
Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

DEAR SENATOR JACKSON: I oppose S. 1401 and similar bills both as an individual and as a member of the Landowners Protective Association. My reasons for opposing this type of legislation are:

- (1) It is poor practice to earmark the revenues from specific tax resources for certain uses. The Congress should retain control of the public purse.
- (2) Now that the federal government has begun to recognize that it cannot provide free recreation to the public it is time for the government to begin withdrawing from the recreation business. Without excessive competition