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HON. JOHN V. TUNNEY,
*House of Representatives,
Congress of the United States,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. TUNNEY: This relates to your invitation to comment on HR 13211, the "Ecological Advisors Act of 1967."

I believe the concept of total ecological planning is most timely. As you probably are aware, we are due for some serious re-thinking on the nature and consequences of our scientific and technical activities. This is due to an explosive increase in knowledge and capabilities to influence and change the ecology of the planet. When we can rationally think of weather modifications on a continental scale, when inter-continental aircraft speeds become of the same magnitude as the speed of the sun, when exploration of the radiation belts surrounding the earth induces permanent alteration of these belts, then, indeed, the capabilities and projections of science and technology become an appropriate concern for national policy review.

I believe that technical solutions can be found to the problems of air pollution, water pollution, solid waste, atmospheric radiation, environmental noise, etc., and I believe that a council of ecological advisors could make a major contribution in outlining the major concerns and stimulate solutions to these problems. I would think that existing bodies dealing with science and technology and their impact from a technical point of view, such as the National Academy of Sciences, the National Academy of Engineering, and the President's Scientific Advisory Committee and other similar bodies would have major contributions to make.

I, therefore, think the Bill is most appropriate at this time and I am wholehearted in favor of it.

Sincerely yours,

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