

STATE OF COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH,
Denver, Colo., November 29, 1967.

HON. JOHN V. TUNNEY,
*Member of Congress,
Longworth House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN TUNNEY: I hope you will pardon my delay in replying to your letter of October 25 relative to the "Ecological Advisors Act of 1967."

At first thought it would appear to be a mistake to add yet another echelon of federal government to the already overly complex structure; however, on further study of your proposal the creation of such an Ecological Council seems to have a great deal of merit. I think you are correct in your assumption that such a Council could eliminate much duplication in the study of environmental problems and by proper coordination expedite the solution of some of the problems affecting the environment. Hopefully some of the fragmentation of programs such as those pertaining to water pollution, radiological health and pesticide hazards could be corrected. Such a Council could study the entire environment and make recommendations to the President; the Congress; and administrative agencies on needs and activities. We feel it is important that the Council itself not become involved in administration of the actual programs but serve entirely as a study and advisory group.

If you have not done so, I wish to suggest that you send a copy of the Bill to Dr. John H. Venable, President of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers, Georgia State Department of Health, Atlanta, Georgia, and ask for an opinion of the Executive Committee of this organization. I think you should also seek the opinion of the American Public Health Association and the American Medical Association.

I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of your letter and my reply to the Honorable John A. Love, Governor of Colorado, and to the Colorado members of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

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