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Mr. John V. Tunney, Congressman, 38th District, California, Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. TUNNEY: I was pleased to receive your recent letter, and to learn of your proposed legislation regarding environmental quality control

The arguments you present for creation of a Council responsible to the President are cogent and pursuasive. The problems and concerns touch many agencies of the government and facets of our society.

You will find strong support for your proposal among many individuals and organizations concerned with the deterioration of our environment and its effects on health and on quality of life. A minor question concerns whether the designation as a Council of Ecological Advisors would adequately convey to the public the aims and goals of such a group. From the proposed legislation, it is clear that the interests are principally directed towards the impact of environmental deterioration on man, and one wonders if the advisors might be designated something as a council of advisors on the human environment.

Again, I would like to emphasize the need for a program such as you have mentioned and to voice appreciation for your thoughtful leadership in the area. Our society needs means of bringing problems, their possible solutions, and their long range implications clearly into focus for discussion and action. I hope you are successful in bringing your proposed legislation to fruition.

Very truly yours,

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