

Our area includes Connecticut Avenue, and is bounded by 16th Street on the East, Harvard Street on the north, Florida Avenue and Q Street on the south, and Rock Creek Park on the West. You know, if you have visited this area, that it does contain a very large number of chanceries and embassies.

With this in mind, I do not hesitate to commend H.R. 16175 to you as an excellent bill, and one which would be favorably reported at the earliest moment possible.

If any resident, homeowner, taxpayer, or businessman near the old Bureau of Standards site which H.R. 16175 would set aside for chancery uses has any doubt about the kind of neighbors that chanceries and embassies make let me say that he should put his mind at rest. In fact, we tried to have two vacant tracts in our own immediate area utilized for chanceries, and for the OAS. This proves that we are sincere in urging the adoption of H.R. 16175. We think the merits of H.R. 16175 over previous bills which have been considered by the Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds to provide a site for an international center are so many and so obvious that we will not list them here except to say that H.R. 16175 will make excellent use of the old Bureau of Standards site, will not displace families or businesses, will not result in the loss of jobs or taxes, and will contribute to the stability of the property along Connecticut Avenue. All that one has to do is to note that the property occupied by chanceries and embassies is among the best kept in the city, to realize what it will do to the Bureau of Standards site which has become somewhat run-down and the buildings on which have been allowed to deteriorate. We urge immediate enactment of H.R. 16175.

Respectfully yours,

(Mrs.) JEWELL B. SMITH,
President, Kalorama Citizens Association.

4343 BRANDYWINE STREET, NW.
Washington, D.C., May 10, 1968.

HON. KENNETH J. GRAY.

*Chairman, House Subcommittee on Buildings and Grounds,
Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. GRAY: I was unable to appear before your Subcommittee to testify in favor of H.R. 16175 at the hearings which you conducted this week.

I respectfully request that the attached statement in behalf of the American University Park Citizens Association be made a part of the official hearing record.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM J. BROWN,
Chairman, Planning and Zoning Committee.

Enclosure.

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION,
Washington, D.C.

STATEMENT OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY PARK CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION BY
WILLIAM J. BROWN, CHAIRMAN, PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

IN SUPPORT OF H.R. 16175

MR. CHAIRMAN: My name is William J. Brown, and I am Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee of the American University Park Citizens Association.

We wish to support H. R. 16175, which, if enacted, would establish an international center on 34.2 acres of the Bureau of Standards grounds.

Traditionally, this site has housed government agencies for many years, and by no means have the property values of the adjacent single family dwellings been adversely affected. We feel that continued usage of this site to house offices belonging to foreign governments would not be an inconsistent land use.

From a practical viewpoint, the selection of this site will not cause the displacement of city residents, loss of homes, jobs, businesses, or tax revenue to this city. This association endorses H.R. 16175 inasmuch as this proposal would bring about a sensible solution to the long-standing chancery problem. We strongly urge enactment of this Bill by the Congress.

WILLIAM J. BROWN.