

vention and treatment of these disease manifestations is needed and can and should be included in the regional medical programs authorized in H.R. 15758. When the Heart Disease, Cancer and Stroke legislation was under consideration in 1965, the Association submitted to this Committee details regarding the incidence of oral cancer and the low survival rate of victims of the disease. At that time, attention was directed to the need for more research into the specific causes of oral cancer and the methods of treatment and rehabilitation of patients who suffer from it.

The Association is pleased to note that considerable progress is being made in this field and that members of the dental profession and several dental schools are participating in the programs that are being developed.

The Association also is pleased with and supports fully the amendment included in H.R. 15758 which makes it clear that a practicing dentist as well as a physician may refer a patient to a facility engaged in research, training or demonstration activities which are supported by regional medical program funds.

With respect to the provisions of the bill extending the migrant health program, the American Dental Association recognizes the need for increasing the availability of dental care for migrant workers and their children. The Association supports the extension of the program but agrees that as soon as feasible, this activity should be included in the regular public health programs of states and communities.

The American Dental Association appreciates the opportunity to present its views on this legislation and respectfully requests that this letter be included in the record of hearings.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN B. WILSON, D.D.S.,  
*Chairman, Council on Legislation.*

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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,  
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE,  
*Honolulu, Hawaii, March 13, 1968.*

Re H.R. 15758.

HON. HARLEY O. STAGGERS,  
*Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE STAGGERS: House Resolution 15758 includes a paragraph on "inclusion of territories" which would bring Guam, American Samoa, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands within the scope of the Regional Medical Program.

The Medical School of the University of Hawaii is involved in medical research and teaching in many areas of the Pacific. We have been asked by the health administrators in American Samoa to develop an affiliation between the new Lyndon B. Johnson Tropical Medicine Center and the University of Hawaii School of Medicine. The same applies, but at a somewhat more preliminary stage, with the health administrators of the Trust Territories, with special regard to the hospital that will be built on Ponape. These programs will be mutually advantageous as we will provide continuation education for the medical and nursing staffs, and they will provide facilities for research and certain aspects of education for our faculty and students.

I would urge your support of the paragraph in question because this would facilitate the cooperative ventures described.

Sincerely yours,

WINDSOR C. CUTTING, M.D., *Dean.*

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THE CHRISTOPHER D. SMITHERS FOUNDATION, INC.,  
*New York, N.Y., March 21, 1968.*

HON. HARLEY O. STAGGERS,  
*Chairman, Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR CONGRESSMAN STAGGERS: I am pleased to learn that you have scheduled hearings on HR-15758. If it is appropriate, I request that this letter be made a part of the record for those hearings.