

citizens. Therefore, reasons for the District's opposition to this legislation include the following:

1. The bills in effect divide responsibility and weaken the ability of the Government of the District of Columbia to provide comprehensive protection and services for people living in the District.

2. If enacted the legislation would cause conflict and confusion between Police operations and closely related services in crime control, including the functions of education, corrections, welfare, and traffic control.

3. It would result in a major reversal in the trend toward citizen participation and involvement in District Government affairs provided under Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1967.

4. The bills would create waste and inefficiency through requiring duplication of supporting services, such as personnel, purchasing, and computer equipment by setting up a costly overhead organization duplicating many existing support services in the D.C. Government.

5. Considerable coordination of the Police functions (involving all entities covered by the subject bills) with other related functions such as Civil Defense, Fire Protection, Corrections, the Courts, and the Attorney General is accruing through the District of Columbia Director of Public Safety.

The foregoing reasons are sufficient for the Government of the District of Columbia to strongly recommend against the enactment of H.R. 14430 and H.R. 14448. Additional information is being developed and will be sent to you later.

I have been advised by the Bureau of the Budget that, from the standpoint of the Administration's program, there is no objection to the submission of this report to the Congress.

Sincerely yours,

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