

It is to be feared, too, that this venture, if permitted, will encourage further encroachment on our waterways.

I urge you to do all in your power to prevent this needless spoilation of our precious natural heritage.

May I ask that this letter be included in the record of the hearings.

Sincerely yours,

MISS CORINNE REARDON.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., June 20, 1968.

Hon. ROBERT JONES,
Rayburn House Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: I have an apartment overlooking the area of the proposed Hunting Creek fill by Hoffman Associates.

I am heartbroken at the thought of this bird sanctuary being destroyed. I feel that this is just another "land grab" and if this goes through it will establish a precedent which will permit land fills and high-rise apartments all along the Potomac River and Mount Vernon Boulevard, destroying all the natural beauty which means so much to all of us.

I hope you will help prevent this tragedy.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

CELESTE B. WILLIAMS.
MRS. T. C. WILLIAMS.

THE LANDMARKS SOCIETY,
Alexandria, Va., June 21, 1968.

Hon. ROBERT E. JONES,
Chairman, National Resources and Power Subcommittee, Rayburn Building,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR SIR: I want to express the opposition of this organization to the filling in of part of Hunting Creek just south of this city.

It would be appreciated also if this note is made a part of the record of this hearing.

We are dedicated to the preservation of landmarks and to destroy the natural beauty of the area in mind for the proposed construction of a high-rise apartment is abhorrent to us.

Respectfully yours,

MRS. FELIX BELAIR, Jr.

[Telegram]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., June 21, 1968.

Hon. ROBERT E. JONES,
Chairman, Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee,
Rayburn Building, Washington, D.C.:

Trust you will use your good office and oppose Hunting Creek fill-in.

ROBERT J. CONNERTON.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE,
Washington, D.C., June 21, 1968.

Hon. ROBERT E. JONES,
Chairman, Natural Resources and Power Subcommittee,
Committee on Government Operations,
Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN JONES: The Institute will be unable to have a representative attend the hearings before your committee on the issuance of a permit to bulkhead and fill part of the Potomac estuary near Alexandria, Va. We are very much interested in the proposal however, and would appreciate having this letter in opposition to the permit made a part of the hearing record.

Like other national conservation organizations, the Institute believes that the bulkheading should not be permitted to proceed. We believe that it would be contrary to the objectives of the National Estuarine Preservation System that is sponsored by the Department of the Interior and the administration, as well as by conservationists throughout the country. The administration's bill to authorize