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Honorable Richard C. Lee
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Dear Dick:

You mention two problems in your letter of June 17, namely the funding for urban renewal authorization and the Demonstration Cities Program.

As you know, the urban renewal money was not requested by HUD in its appropriations request for FY 1967. It was subsequently agreed by HUD, the Bureau of the Budget, and the Appropriations Committee that HUD would send up a supplemental request for the funds. To date, HUD has not done so, and I expect it is waiting until after the present Fiscal Year ends. At such time as the supplemental is received, prompt attention will be given to it by my subcommittee.

The above described procedure was occasioned by the language restrictions in last years appropriations which put urban renewal under annual appropriations.

The Demonstration Cities Program is quite another story, Dick. You spoke of planning funds, but it is my impression that the bill which was just ordered reported provides only \$12 million for planning the first year. In subsequent years, it will provide a substantially larger amount of money. The fate of this legislation is uncertain at the present time.

I don't have to tell you that there is growing resentment in Congress and in the nation over many of these spending programs. The prevailing attitude in Congress seems to be enough spending has been authorized in the past two years and that we should stop now and pick up in 1967. I myself become deeply concerned over the tremendous increase in Federal spending.

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I certainly recognize the crisis in urban centers. I realize the need for Federal participation, but I also am very much concerned over the efforts of increased spending on the health of the economy.

I'm going to give this legislation a good hard look. The question seems to be not so much one of the necessity, but rather whether or not such programs can be deferred until next year.

I'll keep you posted on the progress of this legislation, Dick.
With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Member of Congress

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